BIG PLANT DAMAGED \$50.000 BY BLAZE

Willamette Iron & Steel Works Crippled.

MORE THAN 400 MEN IDLE

Proves Hard One to Fight. Much Equipment Saved.

Fire originating under the flange furnace in the shop of the boiler plant of the Willamette Iron & Steel works, at the foot of Seventeenth street, gutted the piling foundation and floor of the Plant about 4:45 yesterday morning, with damage estimated by Fire Marshal Grenfell at between \$50,000 and \$50,000. More than 400 employes of the plant who have been working in two shifts during recent aonths are temporarily thrown out

Careful check will have to be made before an accurate estimate of the loss can be made, according to B. C. Ball, president of the company. A superficial survey indicates that damage to the building is the greatest loss, according to Mr. Bail. Insurance carried by the company totals \$7219,000 on buildings and \$1,454,600 on contents, according to records of the fire marshal's office. What percentage of the insurance is localized on the boller plant was not made Public.

Value Me Equipment Saved.

To follow the Annette Kellermann bill, the Orpheum has assembled a double-headliner, three-feature show, which in point of scenic equipment is one of the largest shows of the season. The two headliners are Albertina Rasch, famous danseuse, and For Pity's Sake," the comedy melodrama which is so popular it makes an Orpheum tour almost every season. The third feature is the act of before an accurate estimate of the

saved from serious damage by strenu-ous work of the fire department, which had the fire under control beous work of the fire department, which had the fire under control before it could break with full force through the heavy floor of the building or spread to adjoining buildings. The building was discovered to be on fire when B. W. Parrado, night watchman, made his rounds at 4:45 A. M. Dense smoke poured through the door of the botler room when he depend it. G. W. Lewis, another watchman at the plant, turned in the world's list of ballet dancers, and before entering vaudeville was one of the dancing stars of the Metropolitan in New York. Her present Orpheum act is staged magnificently, and it has been extelled as being an artistic treat.

Tom Duray, ex-newspaper stereotyper, is the star of "For Pity's Sake," Mr. Duray has the role of opera house manager who is general factotum in the presentation of the moiodrama. He works the scenery, supplies the music and manipulates the storm, whistie and other effects from a startion in the loft above the stage. This

glarms and a special call were turned glarms and a special call were turned in before Chief Young was satisfied that the fire was under control.

"We cannot make a public statement as to the extent of our loss ment as to our plans for rebuilding."

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ment as to the extent of our loss or as to our plans for rebuilding," said Mr. Ball last night. "At present any estimate on our part would be mere guess."

Piremen found the building choked with amoke, while flames were already licking through the heavy flooring. The only access to the source of the flames was from the waterfront side, through a network of piling and braces. Firemen carried lines through the lee-cold water into the understructure and crept along boards tostructure and crept along boards to-ward the back of the building. Two fireboats moored in the slips on either side of the plant furnished lines for effective work on the blaze.

Fight Proves Hard One. The structure of the building and the location of the flames made an exceptionally difficult problem for exceptionally difficult problem for the fire-fighters, but the construction of the main floor and the material stored upon it prevented the blaze from spreading before the firemen got it under control. The boiler plant has a frontage of about 200 feet and extends about 400 feet over built-in river bank and shallow shore line. Bawdust and debris from an old sawmill formerly located there lay everywhere beneath the building back of the waterfront. Piling and floor were of exceptionally heavy construction, however, and little inflammable material was stored about the main floor.

Both company officials and inspectors of the marshal's office trace the blaze to a fiange furnace which had been in use till 11:30 P. M. Breessive heat from the furnace is shought to have penetrated through.

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Investigation of four men arrested Thursday night as suspected in the blodup of the Gradon & Kochler drug store and the shooting of Ed Bostrom did not develop evidence of compilety against them. Charges of vagrancy were placed against three of the men. The fourth was charged with carrying concealed weapons.

L. C. McMeen, who was carrying a small revolver when arrested, was fined \$25 in municipal court yesterday. John Sabo was discharged after a bearing in police court and John Balley received a 30-day suspended sentence. The case of Arthur Shirey, the fourth man arrested, was set for February 21.

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thought to have penetrated through Police are still searching for the thought to have penetrated through
the protecting layer of brick between
it and the floor and charred the
boards till a blaze resulted. Oilscaked timbers and other inflammable materials soon caught and the
blaze spread rapidly throughout the blaze spread rapidly throughout the

As the fire broke through the floor

One Gas Main Opened. Air pressure tanks in the basement exploded but not with sufficient force or nearness to injure fighters. A gas main underneath the building exploded and its flames gave the only light to the firemen working

chly light to the firemen working their way about beneath the building. Fire Chief Young was in personal command at the fire, assisted by Assistant Chief Laudenklos and Battalion Chiefs Grenfell and Delane Equipment summoned to the scene was the greatest called out in the city for a number of years, according to Fire Chief Young.

Whether an attempt will be made to restore the present building or move equipment to another building is not certain. Plans for the erection is not certain. Plans for the erection of a boiler plant at another site are said to have been under way some time before the present fire. In the meantime work on many contracts is interrupted and it is understood from officials of the company that steps to get the boller plant in operation again will be rushed as soon as losses can

Foundation Is Wenkened, The foundation is Weakened.

The foundation of the building is greatly weakened, although the principal damage to the piling occurred at a point where there is not a great deal of heavy machinery or material. The building is of exceptionally strong construction and does not appear to have sagged or given away as a result of the fire.

Firemen remained about the plant all day vesterday checking the small.

all day yesterday checking the small fires which still smouldered in varius places underneath the building, he great amount of sawdust and sbris where the low ground 'had sen filled in years before the present plant was built make a hazardous condition as long as fire smoulders near it. The site of the boiler plant was occupied by the Western Lumber company mill, which burned to the ound early one morning about 20 ars ago according to Fire Chief

ENVELOPE BEARS PRAYER

Woman Writer Seems to Have but

Little Faith in Postoffice. Judging from evidence coming to hand from time to time during the

past few days, Elizabeth Stewart, Pueblo, Colo., has scant faith in Post-master-General Burleson's service. She has been penning epistles to the Portland Chamber of Commerce recently, the latest of which came to hand yesterday, and upon the inside flap of the envelope, where not even Burleson himself or his most expert inspector could detect it while it was making its way through the malis, she has written divers invocations. "Dear God, guide this letter," was written on the flap of the letter which came yesterday and which was referred to S. B. Vincent, publicity manager of the chamber, because Elizabeth Stewart sought certain information concerning Portland which

formation concerning Portland which his department could furnish. "Take this to its destination," and "God, help this to the right place" were other "prayers" written by the

"Unless some of her letters have Fire Under Furnace Room of Shop answered thus far," said Mr. Vincent. "Whether the Almighty or the postoffice department, or both, is or

ORPHEUM OFFERS 3-FEATURE PROGRAMME TOMORROW.

Albertina Rasch, Danseuse; Thomas Duray and Hampton and Blake Star Players.

rainable Equipment Saved.

Plant equipment, machinery, materials and work under construction valued at thousands of dollars were saved from serious damage by strangers.

an Orpheum tour almost every season. The third feature is the act of Earl Hampton and Dorothy Blake who entertain with "Beaucoup Nuisance." This show will close use the Portland sance." This show will close its Portland engagement with the after-noon performance next Wednesday.

4 MEN HELD IN STORE SHOOT-ING GIVE NO CLEW.

Ed Bostrom, Pedestrian, Wounded When Robber Fled, Discharged

Higher Light Rates Wanled.

LEBANON, Or., Feb. 18 .- (Special.) As the fire broke through the floor that the main part of the building flames licked up the wooden walls and beams and destroyed windows and sashes in the upper part of the building. Pressure tanks filled with the public service commission asking for an increase in rates for service in this city. A notice to that effect was served on the city recorder this week and the council has instructed the fire. Fortunately none exploded. No injuries to firemen resulted. of the rates now charged here.

Special Attention

Include in your next order for groceries SILVERILE for TOILET and DOMESTIC use. It is unexcelled for all toilet and household

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Also, order a package of SIL-VERILE WASHING FOWDER and convince yourself that it is unsurpassed for cleaning clothes and making them soft and white.

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It is to your interest that you give SILVERILE products a trial because of its economical, efficient and sanitary features.

If your grocer or dealer cannot supply you, any of the following will be pleased to receive your order:

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We have full stocks of East-man kodaks and Brownie cameras as well as all kodak supplies. Get your over-Sunday films here. We do expert developing, printing, enlarging. -Meier & Frank's: Main Floor.

New Books

Seeing the Far West," by John graphy.
"Marse Henry," an autobiography
by Henry Watterson.
"Memoirs of the Empress
Eugenie," by Comfe Fleury.
"Tahiti Duys," by Hector Mac-

"The Reign of Patti," by Herman "The Reign of Patti," by Herman Meler & Frank's; Book Store, Fifth Floor, (Mail Orders Filled.)



Last Day of Our Annual Spring Sale Notions and Dressmakers' Supplies

One of the most important events of the spring dress; son. Now is the time to fill up work baskets, sewing tables and machine drawers with dependable sewing needs at saving prices. Threads, basting cottons, braids, tapes, bindings, beltings, bonings, hooks and eyes, snap fasteners, needles, plain pins, safety pins, hair pins, nets, mending cotton, crochet thread, etc., at lowest prices. -Meier & Frank's: Notion Shop, Main Floor.

Good Luck Brings for Saturday

Men's and Young Men's All-Wool Suits



\$15

A Special Featuring

\$7.50

Flower-Trimmed Hats

A Superb Collection of the Most Popular Styles for Early Spring Wear

\$15 \$10

Exceptional Values

Redolent of appreciably higher prices and typical of the new lower prices in effect throughout our Millinery Salons are these three groups of moderately priced hats. All the vogue are these spring-like flowertrimmed hats of which our artist has pictured three characteristic models.

Also in These Price Groups

one may choose from scores of other equally smart stylesthe popular directoire pokes, the new sailors and other newest styles for spring.

Large Assortment Tailored Hats

An authentic presentation of smart tailored hats exhibiting all the newest blocks in all colors. \$4 to \$18.50.

Hundreds of New Children's Hats

Banded and dressy effectsa wide range at moderate prices.

-Meier & Frank's: Millinery Salons, Fourth Floor, (Mail Orders Filled.)

Just In! **New Gingham** Neckwear

These dainty new neckpieces are just the thing for wear with the new spring suits, dresses and sweaters. Peter Pan and roll styles. Vestees with cuffs to match, also collar and cuff sets

with pleated frills and hemstitched edges. Tan, blue, rose, pink and lavender. \$1.50, \$1.75, \$1.95 and

Embroidered Sets Other new arrivals include the popular new yarn embroidered sets-collars, cuffs and vestees to match. Made of organdie, voile and cross barred material with yarn embroidery in apricot, French blue, jade green, light blue and

Special 35¢

Tab lace collar lengths in white and cream. Venise and tatting styles, 24 and 27 inches long. For round, bib and roll style collars. 3

lavender. Set \$3.50 to \$4.25.

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

\$3 Genuine "Heatherbloom" Petticoats \$1.98

New-just received. Heatherbloom is a material that looks like silk, washes well and gives good service. Petticoats in navy, green and tan with fancy combination pleated flounces. 60 only.

-Meler & Frank's: Third Floor.

Ready With a Complete Line of

New Tailored Suits for Spring \$35 to \$98.50



Suits which evidence in every detail the impress of superior quality and distinction may be chosen now at the lower prices for which our spring apparel assortments are noted.

Featured garments are of navy tricotine, poiret twili and gabardine. The varied styles and individuality of tailoring permit of an admirable freedom in selection. Smart tweed and check suits for spring wear have newly arrived and can be chosen today.

For Small Women

New Spring Dresses Are Specialized

Garments especially designed for women of petite proportions are here in taffeta, canton crepe, tricotine, gabardine and twills. Winsome new styles and colors-newness is written all over this assemblage. Prices as low as \$19.50.

> Sole Agents for "Miss Manhattan" and "Co-Ed" Dresses

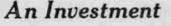
-Meier & Frank's: Fashion Salons, Fourth Floor, (Mail Orders Filled.)

The Fruits of a Very Special Purchase to Be Sold in a Very Special Way

About Half the Former Price for Such Suits

All Models and Sizes Are to Be Had in the Sale

Men and young men who are in the market for a new suit and want to be sure that their money is placed to good advantage can take up this proposition with assurance.



of the gilt-edge variety is this which offers finelymade all-wool suits of plain and fancy worsteds at \$32.85. Single and double-breasted models. Good patterns, including "banker's grays" and pin

All Sizes

See two Morrison-Street windows.

-Meier & Frank's: The Store for Men, Third Floor, (Mail Orders Filled.)

Good to Know That New Manhattan Shirts Are In



Better still to know that those we are showing exhibit in their price tickets pleasing evidences of the new lower costs which all of us are so glad to see.

Fine assortment of these new Manhattans at \$3, \$4, \$5 and upwards.

See Morrison street window.

Another evidence of lower prices-

Silk Shirts \$6.85

or 3 shirts for \$20 (tax \$1.10). Men who have lost touch with their favorite silk shirts of late can come in now and choose patterns to their liking at a much lower price than they have been paying. Rich, heavy, serviceable silks-the sorts that used to go exclusively into the higher priced grades-

-Meler & Frank's; The Store for Men, Main Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

. Fishermen! Attention! Now Is the Time to

Get Ready for the Salmon Season

Salmon have already been sighted at "the Falls"—get your fishing tackle ready. We have a full stock of light and heavy tackle, salmon reels, rods, lines, gaff hooks, etc. We make a specialty of the celebrated Oregon spinners, all sizes and colors, 20c.

Complete Assortments of Golf Necessities

-Meler & Frank's: Sporting Goods Store, Sixth Floor.

Leather Suitcases Regularly Priced \$20 to \$60

All Our Genuine

Your unrestricted selection of our entire stocks of men's and women's genuine leather suitcases, regularly

English Kit Bags 40% Off

5 only of these genuine wal-

\$85 at 40 per cent off.

\$20 to \$60, at a saving of 40 per cent.

Bags and Cases 1/2 Price

Limited number of leather rus and hand board calf Eng- and fabrikoid traveling bags lish kit bags regularly \$60 to and suitcases in this sale at ex-

\$43.50 \$63.50 Were \$59.50. Steamer size Were \$77.50. Regular size Hartmann wardrobes of 3-ply Hartmann wardrobes of 3-ply basswood with solid metal reveneered wood, with locking bar, shoe box, 11 hangers and inforcements. Seven hangers, laundry bag.

Sale of Hartmann Trunks

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Extra Special!

Sale of 200 Boys' Suits

Formerly \$30, \$35, \$40 and \$45

\$14.85

Less than half price for boy's suits regularly priced \$30 to \$45. Suits from standard makers, majority being

Sampeck Triple Service Suits

but there is a good selection also of Woolwear garments as well as a numper of suits from other makers.

Carefully tailored of ALL WOOL materials in up-to-the-minute styles, the best patterns and colors. Sizes for boys 7 to 18 years. See Alder street window display.

-Meler & Frank's: The Store for Boys, Third Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

12-Button Length

White Lambskin Gloves \$3.59

Just the thing for Easter wear. Excellent quality 12-button length white lambskin gloves in sizes 58/4 to 71/2. Fine values at \$3.59 pair.

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Sale of \$12.00 to \$14.00 Women's Low Shoes

\$8.25

Fifteen styles to choose from-pumps and oxfords including the following: Patent, black kid and brown oxfords; bronze and black kid

kid pumps; brown and black beaded tongue slippers; patent and mat kid pumps with beaded

All sizes in the lot, but not in every style. -Meler & Frank's: Third Floor. (Mail Orders Filled.)

