

FREE RURAL DELIVERY

SOON TO BE FURNISHED IN VICINITY OF GRESHAM.

Possibly Two Routes Will Be Established in Neighborhood—Special Agent Ormsby's Report.

Gresham, Multnomah County, will be furnished with one, if not two, free delivery mail routes by January 15, according to H. J. Ormsby, special agent of the Postoffice Department...

Mr. Ormsby found the vicinity of Gresham an ideal locality for rural free delivery, as the population is dense enough to supply the required 100 families along a 20 or 25-mile drive.

He examined the Mount Tabor and Huriburt localities, but considers Mount Tabor a suburb of Portland that should be served by city carriers...

Free rural delivery embodies a daily service, and the carriers are paid \$500 a year, furnishing their own rigs. They are authorized to sell money orders, stamps and accept mail at any farmhouse along their routes.

Mr. Ormsby will remain in Portland until tomorrow, when he will leave for Albany, where he expects to establish a third route and from that point will return to his headquarters at Denver.

"Purging communities which have the requisite population in a given space," he said, "have no difficulty in obtaining free delivery routes. All that is necessary is to petition the Postoffice Department and send the application to the Representative of the district."

He predicts quite an increase in rural delivery routes in Oregon within the next year.

DON'T FORGET

The line of novelties and small framed pictures carried by Sashorn, Wall & Co., 170 First street, is the most extensive ever carried. All new designs. Store open evenings.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS.



What Shall the Gift Be?

The many thousands who are about to purchase Holiday Gifts will find our store news on the

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most interesting and helpful. Every word and every line is worthy of most careful reading.

FURS FURS FURS

We Are the Acknowledged Leaders in the Fur Line of the West.

SPECIAL IN XMAS FURS

- Black Coney Boa, imperial style, two heads, eight tails, regular price \$3.50— SPECIAL \$2.00
Brook Mink Boa, imperial style, two heads, eight tails, regular price \$5.00— SPECIAL \$3.00
Sable Opessum and Electric Collarette, trimmed with heads and ten tails, regular price \$12.00— SPECIAL \$9.75
Electric Seal and Genuine Persian Lamb Collarette, made in latest style, nicely lined, regular \$12.50— SPECIAL \$10.00

SPECIAL DISCOUNT OF 20 PER CENT on all our Suits and Jackets. Silk Waist and Silk Petticoat Sale this week.

SILVERFIELD The Leading and Largest Furrier in the West. 253-255 Morrison Street, Portland, Or.

Meier & Frank Co. Meier & Frank Co. Meier & Frank Co. Meier & Frank Co.

Cut Glass and Solid Silver in Great Variety in the Basement.—Sterling Novelties (Main floor.) 1900 Chatterbox at 75c. (Book Dept.) Men's Smoking Jackets and Lounging Robes in Great Variety. (Second floor.) "Perrin's" Famous Gloves in all Shades and Sizes.

Now For Hurry Days Store Open Evenings Until Christmas



Commencing tomorrow the number of shopping hours each day are increased by three—Store open evenings until Christmas. Another big addition of helpers to the selling force. Extra deliveries—we have bettered the service in every possible way that you may receive the quickest possible attention in a satisfactory manner.

- In Toy Land -

For a jolly, good time—for an hour of genuine happiness we suggest a visit to our third floor holiday store. Young hearts overflow with delight, and older ones for once at least grow young again.

Special Bargains in Fine Handkerchiefs



Not less than a thousand distinctly different styles and qualities of Handkerchiefs for Christmas presents are gathered here at our counters. It's no exaggeration to say that such general preparedness never before characterized our efforts to meet the wants of Christmas handkerchief buyers.

- Five special lots of all-linen Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs, greatly reduced in price. Regular 75c Values at 63c. Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs in great variety at all prices. Regular \$1.00 Values at 79c. Regular \$1.25 Values at \$1.05. \$1.50 Values at \$1.29 \$2 kind at \$1.50

- Slippers - Cloak Department

For men, women and children, a practical and pleasing gift. Our stock is the largest we have ever gathered, and all splendid values. For elderly ladies we have common sense plain toe shoes and slippers in Vicid kid, lace or congress styles, hand turned. Regular \$2.50 values for \$2.15. Glove kid, styles same as above, \$2 kind at \$1.65. Glove kid or Serge, lace or congress, \$1.50 values for \$1.25. Matron scroll lace, in glove kid. Regular \$1.25 values at \$1.05.

Exclusive styles in Velour blouse jackets—make a handsome Christmas gift. Novelty costumes and capes, magnificent styles. Especially low prices for this week's buyers. Animal head fur scarf makes a splendid Xmas gift. Heavy fabrics, tailor stitched, season's best styles. Reg. \$5.00 kind at \$2.98 Reg. \$7.50 kind at \$4.98 Reg. \$9.50 kind at \$6.98

Xmas Suggestions

- Smyrna Rug. "Bissell" Carpet Sweeper. Pair of "St. Mary" Blankets. Handsome Lamp. A Dinner Set.

Real Laces

Some women would be more pleased with a small piece of real lace than with anything else. We have a fine assortment of all widths and styles, and most reasonably priced.

Gifts for Men



A grand array of gifts for men at the men's furnishing department. We are complete outfitters for men and this year's holiday stock is the best by far to be found in Portland. All sterling trimmed umbrellas, canes or suspenders bought here will be engraved free of charge.

Smoking Jackets from \$4.50 to \$15 Lounging Robes from \$5.00 to \$15 New Neckwear, Silver Trimmed and Hand Painted Suspenders, Canes and Umbrellas.

- SPECIAL FOR THIS WEEK - Men's Suits \$8.88 Boy's Suits \$2.85

Men's black clay worsted suits, single or double-breasted sack coat, well made. Exceptional value at \$8.88. Toys given with all purchases of Boy's clothing. Men's hosiery and underwear in the largest assortment to be found in the city. Mackintoshes and Rain Coats.

Special purchase of 350 Boys Suits, in checks and mixtures. All-wool 2-piece suits for boys 8 to 16 years of age, well made and regular \$4.50 and \$4.65 values at \$2.85 (Second Floor.)

In the Basement



There's a world of Holiday gifts. Hundreds and thousands of useful and ornamental pieces in China and Silverware. A superior gathering of handsome and pleasing articles including

- ROGERS' "1847" SILVERWARE HAVILAND CHINA CUT GLASS CARVING SETS BRIC-A-BRAC AND A GREAT VARIETY OF LAMPS SOLID SILVER CHAFING DISHES ICE CREAM SETS DINNER SETS JARDINIERS ONYX TABLES

- Store open evenings until Christmas. -

MEIER & FRANK COMPANY

THE TALK OF THE TOWN.

Pianos Almost Given Away at Eilers Piano House.

At the rate pianos have been selling this last week our entire stock of brand-new and second-hand instruments will be disposed of before Christmas, and this record-breaking sacrifice sale will come to a speedy close.

Bank Manager Resigns. R. Lea Barnes, manager of the Bank of British Columbia, has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted, and he will be succeeded by E. A. Wylie, of Victoria, B. C. It is reported that Mr. Barnes is to assume the management of the Wells-Fargo Bank, but although he says he is to become connected with a prominent financial institution of Portland, he declines to name the institution at present.

PERSONAL MENTION.

P. McIntosh, a Tillamook business man, is at the Perkins. Judge J. Z. Moore, of Spokane, is registered at the Perkins. A. T. Van de Venter, Sheriff of King County, Washington, is at the Imperial. C. M. Brooks, a merchant of Rainier, Wash., and family, are at the St. Charles. Joint Senator W. H. Wehrung, of Washington and Columbia Counties, is at the Perkins. Mrs. D. M. C. Gault, wife of a Hillsboro newspaper man, is a guest of the St. Charles. N. J. Ormsby, of Denver, Colo., Special Agent of the Postoffice Department, is at the Perkins. S. F. Chadwick, an attorney of Colfax, Wash., is at the Imperial, accompanied by his wife. Charles E. Moore, State Treasurer, and W. H. Leeds, State Printer, are registered at the Imperial. R. S. Sheridan, of Roseburg, chairman of the Democratic State Central Committee, is at the Imperial. Milton G. Hope, of Vale, is at the Perkins, en route to Albany on business.

GOLDEN ENCOMIUMS

Are being won by the Institute of Psychology with their scientific and successful treatment of nervous and chronic diseases. Many cases hitherto considered incurable are daily being restored to health by these new methods. Investigate them if you are tired of taking medicine. Examination and diagnosis free by the physician in charge. INSTITUTE OF PSYCHOLOGY, Corner Seventh and Washington streets.

Colony J. G. Day returned yesterday from his placer mine on the Olalla, in Douglas County, where he had been superintending the starting of a giant for the season of 1900-1901. Placer mines have not started up in Southern Oregon to any extent yet, he said, owing to the lack of rain. That portion of the state lies between the rain belts of the Willamette and Northern California, and seems to have a rain system of its own. When the weather justifies it, Colonel Day expects to operate two monitors night and day for the season.

Gift Hunters

Couldn't possibly walk through our store these holiday times without stumbling over just the thing you are looking for as a Christmas gift for father, brother, husband or friend—because we've had this occasion in mind for several months past, and have been collecting up nice things to place in your way. You'll find the prices no stumbling block, however.

Have You Decided on A Suit For father or brother? If you have, come right here. We can help you in the selection and fit, and if he is not pleased with it he has the privilege of returning it after Christmas and getting one that suits him exactly.



A Smoking Jacket

If he smokes, or a House Coat if he doesn't. Whether he smokes or not, there's nothing more acceptable in the way of holiday gifts. We show a large variety of new fabrics in these garments, from

Two-side golf effects. Fancy serges and chevrons, rich side trimmings and linings in shades and colorings to suit all tastes.

\$10

Not only the variety will be found here, but exceptionally high grades at moderate prices.

A Valuable Gift With Each Boys' Suit

Overcoat, Reefers or Mackintosh from now until Christmas. We present Boys' Watches, Roller Skates, Drums, Cannons, or Sleds with each clothing purchase made in this department.

- Neckwear.... Large line of holiday silks in all the latest shades. Imperials, Tecks, Four-in-hands and Bows. Our assortment includes all the best, from 50c to \$2.00. Kid Gloves Fancy Suspenders Silk Handkerchiefs Silk Mufflers Silk Umbrellas Men's Hats.... Some extra attractions in the hat department for the holidays. Derbies or Fedoras, new shapes, \$1.00. The always-the-same, ever-reliable, "Brewer" hat at \$3.00.

WHEN YOU SEE IT IN OUR AD. IT'S SO. MOYER CLOTHING CO. POPULAR-PRICE CLOTHIERS BEN SELLING, Manager CORNER THIRD AND OAK STREETS