RURAL DELIVERY FREE

OON TO BE FURNISHED IN VICIN-ITY 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 defurnished with one, if not two, free delivery mail routes by January IS, according to H. J. Ormsby, special agent of the Fostoffice Department, who, with County Commissioner Steele, looked over the route yesterday. The County Surveyor is now engaged in drafting maps of that locality for Mr. Ormsby's guidance, and the special routes will be defined this affairment.

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Mr. Ormsby found the vicinity of Gresham an ideal lecality for rural free delivery, as the population is dense enough to supply the required 100 families along a 20 or 25-mile drive. The peolies along a 20 or 25-mile drive. The peo-ple out there, especially those engaged in business were delighted with the pros-pect, he said last evening, and he fells assured that the blessings of free rural delivery will meet their expectations. He examined the Mount Tabor and Huriburt localities, but considers Mount Tabor a suburb of Portland that should be served by city coverners owing to its

be served by city carriers, owing to its proximity to the city proper. He fears that the Huriburt neighborhood is too sparsely settled to furnish the required 100 families on the 25-mile line, though a definite map may alter his opinion on this matter. Troutdale may come in for free delivery on one of the Gresham routes, and this would tend to reduce the income of the Troutdale office, as well as to discontinue the smaller offices along the routes. This has been the effect in the vicinity of Salem, where eight rural the vicinity of Salem, where eight rural the vicinity of Salem, where eight rural delivery routes have recently been established. The asylum and penitentiary are each included in a free-delivery route. A route has been established at Macieny, and three at Turner, in Marion County; two at Albany and one each at Jefferson, Shedds, Suver and Daytom. In Eastern Oregon, a route has been established at ewater. Umatilla County.

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Mr. Ormsby considers the rural free delivery system very popular wherever established, and, strange though it may appear, the system soon gets to be self-supporting as well, by the discontinuance of small postoffices and star routes in the localities served. He does not consider the discontinuance of stage or horseless real routes any misfortune by horseback mail routes any misfortune, he says, as the subcontracts are taken at such ridiculously low figures that they hardly pay the carrier's expenses, though what the Government may be paying the original contractor it is very hard to find

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 rethird route and from that point will return to his headquarters at Denver. His home is at Bjack River Falls, Wis., which he left on the 7th of last month. On his westward journey he established five routes in Utah, and one at Weiser, idaho. "Farming 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.

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Some extra attractions in the hat department for the holidays. Der-bies or Fedoras, new shapes, \$1.90. The always-the-same, ever-reliable "Brewer" hat at \$3.00.

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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. Toys gathered from the world over-including every kind that one may desire, and all reasonably priced.

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. From \$6 apiece they range down to as many

Five special lots of all-linen Swiss embroidered handkerchiefs, greatly reduced in price.

Regular 75c Values at 68c. Regular \$1.00 Values at 79c. Regular \$1.25 Values at \$1.05 \$1.50 Values at \$1.29 \$2 kind at \$1.50

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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 Vici kid, lace or congress styles, hand turned. Regular \$2.50 values for \$2.15.

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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.

Xmas Suggestions

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

Cloak Department

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.

Rainy=Day Skirts Reduced

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

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.

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Men's \$8.88

Men's black clay worsted suits, single or doublebreasted sack coat, well made. Exceptional value

Toys given with all purchases of Boy's clothing.

Men's hosiery and underwear in the largest assortment to be found in the city.

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

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Store open evenings until Christmas.

THE TALK OF THE TOWN. Pinnos Almost Given Away at Eilers Piano House.

At the rate planes 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. Nine elegant new planes and three organs were sold yes-

It is astonishing what bargains can be had at this sale, and those who don't avail themselves of this opportunity to buy a strictly first-class piano at virtual-ly half price, and on terms of \$10 monthly payments, will regret it. Just think of it, a brand-new plane, handsome case, and fully warranted for \$156, and the handsomest mahogany or oak cabinet grands, worth everywhere \$450, are now

Step in at 251 Washington street, Ellers Piano House sacrifice sale, and see for yourself. Stor. open every evening. Bank Manager Resigns, R. Lea Barnes, manager of the Bank of British Columbia, has tendered his resig-

nation, which has been accepted, and he mation, which has been accepted, at the will be succeeded by R. A. Wyld, 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 Port-land, he declines to name the institution at present. The Wells, Fargo & Co. Bank is now in charge of R. M. Dooly, who, when seen yesterday, had nothing to say about the reported change.

Lectures on English Literature. The Teachers' Association has made arrangements with Professor Charles Milis Gayley, head of the department of Eng-

Gayley, head of the department of English literature. University of California, for a course of lectures to be given about the second week in February. These will be open to the public at a nominal admission fee. The course will contain four popular lectures, and two on the development of the English noven, viz., "The Representative Poets of the Angio-Saxon Race Today," and "Rudyard Kipling as a Writer of Humor and Romance." Professor Gayley is easily the most popular fessor Gayley is easily the most popular fessor Gayley is easily the most popular lecturer in the faculty of the University of California, and invariably draws crowds when announcement is made that he will take the platform.

PERSONAL MENTION.

tered at the Perkins.

A. T. Van de Vanter, Sheriff of King County, Washington, is at the Imperial. C. M. Brooks, a merchant of Rainier, Wash., and family, are at the St. Charles. ington and Columbia Counties, is at the Perkins.

Mrs. D. M. C. Gault, wife of a Hills-

boro 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 Col-fax, Wash., is at the Imperial, accom-panied by his wife.

Charles S. Moore, State Treasurer, and W. H. Leeds, State Printer, are regis-tered 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.

Mr. Hope says his town will hold her own and perhaps a little more in the coming county seat fight in Maiheur. Colonel J. G. Day returned yesterday from his placer mine on the Olalla, in Dougins County, where he had been su-perintending 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 be-tween the rain belts of the Williamette 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.

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