

SALT IS NOW A LUXURY

UP GO PRICES ANOTHER NOTCH, AND ONLY RICH CAN EAT IT.

Trust Has a Cinch on the Poor Consumer, and It Squeezes Every Possible Penny From Him.

Salt is getting to be more and more expensive to eat, and more and more economical not to eat. In the past two years coarse salt has advanced in price nearly 500 per cent, and fine-grade nearly 200 per cent. The upward leaps and bounds have been unprecedented in the annals of trade.

here. The importers can dispose of it at a handsome profit. Now, the problem is, where else in the world to get salt. Independent dealers and brokers are stretching their callipers around the globe and looking for every available source of supply.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Sheriff A. H. Huntington, of Baker County, is at the Imperial. B. W. Johnson, postmaster at Corvallis, is spending a few days in the city.

Miss Luella Clay Carson, professor of English and rhetoric in the Oregon State University, is visiting with her parents at Twentieth and Johnson streets.

George E. Withington, cashier of the First National Bank, is in a very critical condition. He has been ill for two months, but lately his condition has become alarming.

San Francisco, April 5.—H. A. Johnston, of Portland, registered at the Palace Hotel today.

Cheap Fares for School Children.

In view of the movement made in the Portland Board of Trade to induce the street railways of the city to give school children reduced rates of fare, Superintendent Fuller, of the Portland Railway Company, says his company has for more than four years given school children cheap rates.

Shantung Pongees Or colored Pongees, very stylish for suits or waists, and finding great favor in the fashion centers; old rose, ruseda, two shades blue.

Ping Pong The original table tennis game. When buying see that the box is marked Ping Pong —Those not marked Ping Pong are an imitation table tennis game. (Third Floor.)

Willamette Machines Are full ball bearing and fully guaranteed for 10 years. Have all latest improvements, and the price only \$25

Meier & Frank Co.

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Mall Orders receive our prompt and careful attention—Satisfaction or your money cheerfully refunded. "Gendron" Carriages and Go-Carts in 40 styles—enameled or steel running gear, \$4.25 to \$40. (Third Floor.)

Fancy Hose at Half Price

Sale extraordinary of ladies' fancy Hosiery commences tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Over 1700 pairs all told, and every pair in the lot 50c value.



23c pr

50 doz. ladies' fast black lace Hse Hose, in handsome drep stitch effect, all sizes, and immense value at

23 cents pair

Lace Sale

We place on sale tomorrow morning 3000 yards of venise applique and bands, in white cream and ecru, that for real value have never been equaled; very large variety of beautiful designs, and just the style lace you want for trimming the new Summer dress—30c and 35c values at



18c yd

Cheney Foulards

Continuation of the great sale of the famous Cheney Bros' Satin Foulards at wonderfully low prices—The most astonishing Silk bargain of the season. An opportunity to buy a handsome Foulard Gown for very little money—every yard's this season's make—beautiful color combinations and very newest designs—your choice of



\$1.00 quality, 69c yd. \$1.25 quality, 89c yd.

Lawn Mowers

The famous Philadelphia make in all sizes, easy running and strongly built, best steel cutter blades, each \$2.25 to \$10 (Basement.)

Children's Wear

A department where the prices and descriptions generally do their own talking. We never before prepared quite so liberally for our little friends—Dresses, Silk or Wool Coats, Wash Dresses, Infants' Long Coats, etc., in great abundance—sizes to fit every child and prices to please every parent—no trouble to convince you.



Children's Hats in all the new shapes and trimmings—all prices.

MEIER & FRANK COMPANY

Cloak Room News

Fashion's voice is never heard more clearly than it is in our Cloak and Suit Store. This season, especially, the feminine wear displayed tells a story of indisputable superiority in excellence of material, correctness of cut, and high character of workmanship.



Silk Etons For \$7.25

50 Ladies' Handsome Silk Etons in moire and peau-de-soie; silk lined; beautifully made and trimmed; very stylish. For three days your choice at the very low price of..... \$7.25

Ladies' Black Cheviot Etons or Blouses and Tan Covert Blouses in the very latest effects. Silk lined; all size; remarkable value for three days at..... \$6.25

Skirts \$3.95

100 Ladies' Unlined Walking Skirts in Scotch mixtures and homespun, grays, blues, Oxfords, black, green and royal blue; plain or double flounce effects, 37-in. to 44-in. lengths. Great values at \$3.95 ea



Petticoats \$1.32

Ladies' Black Saten Petticoats, deep plaiting, stitched and colored bands, also flounce with plaiting and ruche or double row of plaiting; great value \$1.32



Ladies' Cotton Shirt-waists in linen or white; embro'd front or \$1.14 back. \$1.75 value \$1.14 All this season's style.

In the Carpet Room

Such a rush in the carpet room! Everybody in a hurry, of course. Your orders should be placed immediately if you want reasonable delivery. The variety is immense—the values unmatched. No price cutting, so your neighbor can't get any better price than you. The price cutting is devoted to these lines—Mattings, Art Squares, Portieres, Couch Covers—for this week at these very low figures:

9000 Yards of Mattings

Fancy Chinese Matting, in very large variety of patterns, yd 9c Extra heavy seamless Japanese Matting, in many styles, 15c at, yard

Couch Covers

Portieres

1-3 Off

Choses of our entire stock of Couch Covers and Portieres at an average reduction of about one-third—Very best designs and colorings and a great many styles to select from.

Art Squares

A great purchase from one of the best mills in the land—strictly all wool—right sizes and best patterns—some remarkably low prices prevail.

4 ft. 6 in. x 9 ft. for \$4.45 9 ft. x 9 ft. for \$5.15 9 ft. x 10 ft. 6 in. at \$6.17 9 ft. x 12 ft. for \$7.17 10 ft. 6 in. x 12 ft. for \$8.37 12 ft. x 13 ft. 6 in. for \$10.17 12 ft. x 15 ft. for \$12.17

Rugs, Carpet Sweepers, Window Shades, Curtain Stretchers, Curtains, etc., all at the very lowest prices.

"Nufangl"

Adjustable Trousers for Men. The ideal Pants for fit and style—new, neat and stylish patterns—ask to see them. \$3.00 to \$5.50 pr. (Second floor.)



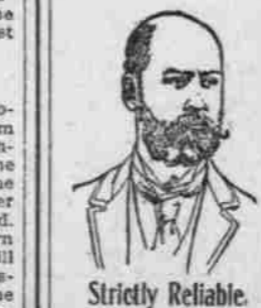
Boys' Clothing

The healthy, hearty, wide-awake boy will make holes in any sort of clothing. Don't blame him for it. Just be a little thoughtful and get him the sort that will wear—that will stand the tug and strain of the playground—Every good style and make will be found here and at a considerable saving on the exclusive store prices.—(Second floor.)



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WE CURE MEN By Original Methods. "WEAKNESS" If other physicians have treated you for so-called "weakness" you were helped only temporarily. Dr. Talcott & Co., Portland Office, 250 1/2 Alder Street. San Francisco office, 997 Market street.



Two Great Specials

FOR MONDAY AND TUESDAY ONLY

EXTRA FINE TAILOR-MADE SUITS

SPECIAL \$23.95

Special line of regular \$30 tailor-made suits, made of all-wool chevots, etamines, broadcloth and basket weaves. These suits represent the highest type of the tailoring art. The materials and lining are of the best. All suits cut in the latest design.

HANDSOME DRESS SKIRTS

SPECIAL \$8.85

A most exceptional value in dress skirts—all the latest styles in broadcloth, cheviot and basket weaves, trimmed with bands of moire or silk. All well made by one of the foremost tailors in America. Not a skirt worth less than \$12.50.

Values that discount all past records in quality, style and low prices—look and you will buy.

Our Cravenettes and Long Silk Coats now present themselves for your admiration. Direct copies and reproductions, embodying the style of the imported models here shown. All the new things at tempting prices.

Silverfield Fur Co.

283-285 MORRISON STREET, PORTLAND, OREGON.

G. P. RUMMELIN & SONS MANUFACTURING FURRIERS 126 SECOND ST., NEAR WASHINGTON New Ostrich-Feather Boas FUR BOAS, COLLARETTES, COATS, ETC. In all the fashionable furs. FUR ROBES AND RUGS. Highest cash price paid for raw furs.

Dr. Lee Po Tei Sticks to His Story. So that the officials in District Attorney Chamberlain's office could understand the surroundings connected with the murder of Lan Heung, on Taylor street, near Second, Deputy District Attorney Spencer and two detectives took Dr. Lee Po Tei to the scene of the crime yesterday morning. But Tei mostly stuck to the story he originally told, adding: "I went to the woman's house to give her medicine, when I heard a noise as if some one was chopping wood. A strange Chinaman rushed by me, and when I entered the house I found it was on fire and that the woman was in bed, with her throat cut. My hands were burned, and then I ran outside and blew my police whistle. My arrest followed." The prisoner was afterward taken before Municipal Judge Cameron, and informed that he would be given a hearing Tuesday. The opinion seems to be that the police have a weak case, so far, against Dr. Tei.

Dividing Up a Colorado Road. DENVER, April 5.—The Republican today says that it has the information from good authority that the Colorado & Southern Railway will be divided between the Union Pacific and Santa Fe roads, the former taking the line north of Denver and the latter those running southward. It also says that the Colorado & Southern interest in the Colorado Midland road will be offered for sale at auction. The disposition of the South Park branch of the Colorado & Southern, continues the Republican, has not yet been arranged.