

BANCROFT TO TAKE OFFICE

NEW POSTMASTER TO ASSUME HIS DUTIES.

Commission is on its way and on its arrival A. B. Crossman will be displaced.

F. A. Bancroft, the newly appointed Postmaster, will take charge of the office today or tomorrow. Senator Mitchell telegraphed that his commission would reach Portland yesterday morning, but the credentials from the President did not come and Mr. Crossman was still in charge yesterday afternoon. The papers will probably arrive today and Mr. Bancroft will assume his new duties immediately.

The present force of assistants in the Postoffice will be continued under the new administration. The positions of assistant Postmaster and cashier, are held through appointment by the Postmaster and much curiosity has been manifested as to whether those now in office would continue to hold their positions when Mr. Bancroft came into power. Both are important and fairly lucrative jobs and some have wondered whether the new Postmaster would not fill the positions with two of his own friends. All the other places in the Postoffice are held under the civil service regulations and are therefore not dependent in any way upon appointment by the Postmaster.

"I will not disturb the men now in the office for some time, at least," said Mr. Bancroft last evening. "I must learn more



F. A. Bancroft, the new Postmaster, who will take charge of the office today.

about the business before I start in to make any changes in the personnel of the office. Senator Mitchell telegraphed me that my commission would get here today, but I suppose it has been delayed by some of the numerous wrecks and will not arrive in Portland until tomorrow or Monday. As soon as it comes I will take charge of the office."

Apparently the change of postmasters is not hampered with many bundles of red tape when the appointment has once been made. The presentation of the commission signed by the President is sufficient to induce the retiring official to relinquish the office to his successor without any further ceremony.

"It may be that Mr. Bancroft shows me his commission and then I shall give up the place to him," said Mr. Crossman yesterday.

To see that the transfer is made according to requirements three postoffice inspectors are in the city. They are J. H. Wayland, of Seattle; Oliver C. Richards, of Tacoma, and Thomas J. Slavin, who makes his headquarters in Portland. It is the work of the inspectors to check up the books in every department, both before and after the transfer is made, and to see that the new Postmaster assumes



A. B. Crossman, the retiring Postmaster, who has held the office which he has held for nearly five years.

his new duties with some knowledge of the many requirements made upon him.

Mr. Bancroft will be the man to preside over the new Postoffice who has completed some two years from the present day. This improvement has been the dream of every Postmaster of Portland for many years, and as extensive alterations are soon to begin on the old building it is evident that Mr. Bancroft will, unless something unforeseen occurs, be the first Postmaster to have charge of the larger Postoffice which the city has needed so long. This pleasure will, to a certain extent, however, be equalized by the fact that he must superintend the removal of the Postoffice which the city has needed so long. No man likes to move either his home or his office, and the job of moving the Portland Postoffice for several blocks will be no easy task.

Some time ago Mr. Crossman said that it was rather hard on him to see another man come into the improved Postoffice which he had helped to plan and for the appropriation of which he had worked so arduously. "Well, it's not Bancroft's fault," he justly pointed out, "said the retiring Postmaster."

CLEANING HOUSE.

Second-Hand Pianos Being Cleared Out This Week at Elfers Piano House.

A large number of good, substantial second-hand pianos, received during our recent heavy retail selling, in part payment for new Kimball, Weber and Chickering pianos, are now offered for sale at bargain prices by Elfers Piano House. See announcement on page 6 of this paper.

No route across the continent offers as many attractions as does the drive to El Grande. Write the Portland Agency, 224 Third street, for illustrated booklets.

....Meier & Frank Company....

New Lace Curtains and Curtain Materials in great variety—Third Floor. New Carpets and Rugs—The Spring display is the largest in town—Custom Shade Work a specialty—Best materials and workmanship—Lowest prices.

The Cloak Store



Is probably the most interesting section of the establishment these beautiful Spring days—Every express brings scores of pretty things in ready-to-wear apparel—Racks and cases filling up so rapidly that we will have to expand the garment section in another week. The noblest creation of fashions—imported and American—in almost endless variety—The successful cloak store is largely a matter of organization. Buyer of judgment, good salespeople, expert fitters, last but not least, variety. Such a cloak store is this.

Magnificent showing of new Dress Suits in etamines, canvas cloths, granite cloths, tweeds, homespuns, chevrons, worsteds, cashmeres, venetians and broadcloths, very latest fashions.

\$16.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$40.00 to \$85.00

New Spring Walking Suits in cashmeres, homespuns, chevrons and tweeds, in blouse, fly-fronts, Norfolk—Best materials

\$25.00, \$28.00, \$30.00, \$32.00 to \$50.00

Spring Box Jackets in pebble chevrons, coverts, kerseys and broadcloths, neat styles at \$7.50, \$10.50, \$12.50, \$16.00

New Silk Monte Carlos in taffetas and peau de soie, latest Spring fashions at \$7.50, \$12.50, \$16.50

Costumes, Wraps and Evening Dresses in crepe de chine, liberty silks, etamines and panne velvets, magnificent styles, many are imported garments, at \$50.00, \$75.00, \$95.00, \$125, \$140, \$150.

Wash Waists

THAT FASCINATE

The surprising beauty of the 1903 Wash Waists entitles them to prominence in today's store news—Never before has this store or Portland seen a like gathering of such fascinating creations—White is in first favor, of course. While sheer lawns predominate, there are French piques in damask patterns, fancy striped piques, fancy vestings, canvas cloths, Lace, embroidery, tucking and hemstitching is generously used. Elbow sleeves will be much in evidence.

No less interesting are the Colored Waists—Chambrays, madras, ginghams, percales, linens, colored batistes—Needless to say the variety here is largest and best.

No trouble to show them to you—Prices 50c to \$15.00—The All-Over Lace Waists will interest you.—Second Floor.



Ladies' Neckwear

All sorts of dainty ideas and not expensive either—Puritan novelties in silk or wash materials—Stocks with fancy turnovers and embroidered tie for back of neck.

Lace and mull Turnovers and Sets. Persian Scarfs—Lace points. DuBarry Ties—Scores of novelties.



Boys' Clothing

The spring and summer styles in high class goods are here, a superb display of blue serge sailor suits with white pique collars and fancy shield, youths' clothing newest spring fashions, boys' waists and blouses in new styles and material.



SOME of the most stunning covert suits depend for their trimming on the stitched strappings of cloth. The skirts are made with inverted plaits that are stitched down only as far as the knee in front, while the stitching graduates toward the back to within about 10 inches of the belt. The jackets are form-fitting, 27-inch length.

For millinery purposes soft, highly-finished ribbons will be used in bunched effects that will supplement the flower trimmings, often a bunch of ribbon loops taking the place of roses.

Knotted effects, shirrings—in fact, any form of these ribbons that the ingenuity of the milliner can devise—will be good for ribbon trimming.

Lace allovers of guipure, Cluny, filet, repousse, Paragay and Chantilly, in white, black and cream are to be extensively used. Popular motifs are already scarce.

Turn-down white linen collars, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 inches high, are to be much worn now with outing and mannish costumes. Dark silk string, four-in-hand, bow and Ascot ties will be worn with these collars.

The large, single pearl button or clasp on women's gowns, suede, and mannish gloves is just as good style as last season. On white gloves it is particularly good.

Mock piques are among the scarce things in white goods, and will continue in small supply for the season.

Chiffons of white or black with lace, embroidered or fringed borders, are the best-selling drapery veils.

Drapery veils will not be stylish for face use, but the carriage and automobile ribbon-bordered veils may be thus used, and should be stocked freely.

Crepes de Chine are scarce in the New York market and very desirable.

Cream-white mohairs are scarce in all American markets.

Dress Trimmings

Dress Trimmings will enjoy a new lease of life this Spring—The styles so striking that there will not be a stylish waist but what will demand considerable trimming.

Persian on Linen, Oriental designs, 20 varieties, per yard, from 75c to \$2.50.

Colored Applique in grape effects, modes and grays, per yard, 20c to 75c.

Batiste Applique in blue and green, \$2.25 yard.

New drops in Persian effects, 65c to \$1.00 each.

Colored Silk Drops 35c each.

New Black Drops 5c to \$4 ea.

Chiffon bands 25c to \$2.50 yd.

Linen and White Canvas drops for Summer costumes, each

25c, 35c, 60c.

Persian Bands and Appliques in new colorings,

75c yard

....Meier & Frank Company....

Advance Spring catalogue of Waists, Undermuslins, Laces, Boys' Clothing, now ready—New Spring and Summer models in "La Grecque" Corsets are here, 2d floor—New arrivals in cotton Shirts, superb styles, all prices.

Spring Millinery

Showing



Tomorrow, first showing of the Spring millinery styles with all their charms, everybody who takes a peep at these beautiful creations will say they are the best yet. The materials, the shapes, represent everything that is new in Paris and they will receive more attention than the most expensive pattern hats shown at the formal "opening" later on. For seven weeks our buyers kept a close watch on the Eastern fashion centers, not a desirable thing slipped by them. We promise this Spring and Summer, 1903, a showing of millinery second to none either in extent or elegance. Come tomorrow, we can interest you.

The White Silks

Last Summer was merely a suggestion of a white season as compared with what the coming season promises to be. We provide everything in white with a lavish hand—Some of the styles you know; others you must get acquainted with—We will introduce you to old friends and new.

White Indias at 35c to \$2.00 yard.

White Wash Silks in many styles, 50c yd.

White peau de sole, 85c to \$1.00 yd.

White Mummy Silk \$1.00 yd.

White Pongee Silks, 75c to \$1.00 yd.

White Liberty Satins \$1.00 to \$3.00 yd.

White Taffeta—White Hemstitched Silks.

New Liberty Satin Foulards in 15-yard suit patterns, gorgeous styles, only one pattern of a kind, black and white, white and black, navy blue and white, best quality, \$22.50 to \$30 pattern



Laces The lace display is complete—A showing so far superior to any other in the Far West that there's no comparison. The variety and elegance of the new laces has never been equaled in any former season—We can't commence to tell you about them—Come and see them.



The Wash Fabric Business

Is tremendous, selling unprecedented, one-half of the Spring stock on hand has been disposed of. Friday and Saturday we received twenty cases of new American fabrics, just in time, for we commenced to worry about the variety. That can mean only one thing: We have judged your taste aright and the fabrics are so good and reasonably priced that every woman who saw them bought

A FEW REMINDERS

New Oxfords and Madras Cloths from 25c to 1.25 yard

New line of white vesting and basket cloths at 1.00 yard

New embroidered muslins, beautiful designs, from 25c to 75c yard

Imported muslins, new arrivals, 50c to 2.50 yard.

New Dimities, French Organdies, Pappelion Cloth, Batiste.

New Imported and Domestic Ginghams from 10c to 50c yard.

White Piques in narrow and wide wale, all grades samples cheerfully sent to our out-of-town patrons.

Annual Spring Shoe Sale

As good a shoe story as we ever told—It is right in season for Spring and Summer—It includes in its benefits both men, women and children—Shoes at less than making cost and sale continues all week.

\$3.00 to \$5.00 Shoes \$1.50 Pair—Ladies' Dongola Lace and Button Shoes—All sizes and widths, \$3.00 values at \$1.50 a pair.

Ladies' Fine Shoes in various styles, sizes 2 1/2 to 5, widths AA to B, regular \$3.00 to \$5.00 values, while they last \$1.50 pair.

\$3.50 SHOES \$2.45.

400 pairs of Ladies' Welt Shoes, newest goods, very latest styles, patent colt, dull top, patent colt, kid top, all sizes and widths, an exceptionally rare bargain at \$2.45 pair.

LADIES' SHOES

Note the great reductions.

\$2.65 pair—40 pairs of ladies' kid Lace Shoes, \$3.50 and \$4.00 values in good sizes, while they last at \$2.65 pair.

\$3.00 pair—15 pairs of \$5.00 Velour Calf Shoes for women, high top, good line of sizes, remarkable value at \$3.00 pair.

\$3.00 pair—75 pairs of women's \$5.00 Shoes in black box calf or vicol tan, heavy sole, all sizes, great value at \$3.00 pair.

\$3.25 pair—30 pairs of ladies' \$5 Shoes in mirror calf, lace style, great value at \$3.25.

\$3.75 pair—15 pairs of women's \$6.00 Shoes, patent calf, Louis heel—Remember, only 15 pairs, \$6.00 value, \$3.75 pair.

\$4.00 pair—15 pairs of women's Patent Leather Lace Shoes, heavy sole, the regular \$6.00 styles, at \$4.00 pair.

\$4.50 pair—20 pairs of Norman & Bennett's high top Tan Boots, very best made, regular \$6.00 styles at \$4.50 pair.

Boys' and Girls' Shoes

80 pairs of Misses' \$2.50 high-cut Shoes.....\$1.50 pair
48 pairs of Misses' \$2.00 high-cut Shoes.....\$1.35 pair
100 pairs of Misses' \$2.50 welts, patent tip.....\$1.65 pair
35 pairs of Misses' \$2.50 welts, narrow sizes.....\$1.25 pair
72 pairs of Misses' \$2.25 Patent Kid Lace Shoes.....\$1.25 pair
30 pairs of Misses' \$3.00 Pat. Leather Button Shoes.....\$1.75 pair
65 pairs of Misses' \$2.50 Lace Shoes.....\$1.60 pair

Sizes 11 1/2 to 2

50 pairs of Children's Lace Shoes, sizes 8 1/2 to 11, \$2.00 values, pair.....\$1.40
150 pairs of Children's \$2.00 Lace Shoes, sizes 8 1/2 to 11, pair.....\$1.40
200 pairs of \$1.50 Fancy Lace Shoes, sizes 5 to 8, pair.....\$1.10

Boys', Youths' Shoes

200 pairs Boys' Shoes, various styles, vicol kid, box calf and enamel, all new, heavy soles, best \$3.50 values, per pair.....\$2.65

All our Boys' \$3.00 Shoes, for this sale.....\$2.35 pair
All our Boys' \$2.50 and \$2.75 Shoes, for this sale.....\$2.10 pair
300 pairs of Boys' Shoes.....\$1.55 pair

\$1.20 Pair

For 600 pairs of Little Gents' Shoes, vicol kid, box calf, satin calf, kangaroo calf, heavy or light soles, all sizes and the best makes \$1.20 pair.

Great Picture Sale

Stock-taking revealed the fact that we were badly overstocked in framed pictures—We don't consider these things business secrets because you are interested in knowing the reasons for the big reductions at different times—In a big business like this buyers are bound to go wrong occasionally, so for one week we offer picture bargains out of the ordinary—A chance to fix up dining-room, bedroom or parlor at little cost.

Colored pictures 5x7 framed in gold, black, white, green, cherry, and silver, 25c value.....13c

Pastels framed in 3 in. gold frame 6 1/2x27 ins. Reg. 2.25 value.....\$1.49

Cat pictures mounted on mat, 3 pictures on each, 25c value.....10c

11x14 matted pictures 100 subjects, 10c val. 6c

28-in. circle pictures framed in round frames, Lions, Tigers, Horse Race, Dogs, Pharaoh's Horses, 50 other subjects, values up to \$2.00 for.....\$3.95

Cabinet Photo Frames at reduced prices.

7x9 square cabinet frames 19c, 7x9 ovals for 29c, 8x10 ovals for 39c.

Picture framing at very low prices, best moldings and workmanship.

New Dress Materials

Etamines, Wire Cloth, London Twine, Albatross, Crepe de Chine and all the other popular weaves. The clinging fabrics maintain their popularity as expected. The variety here is largest and best.

The white wool materials are getting scarce. If you want a handsome white skirt don't delay buying a moment.

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