



20c Handkerchiefs, 9c

Kerchiefs are like pins—always being bought, yet never very many on hand. You can stock up cheaply now. Choice of over fifty designs of Embroidery, Sheer Fine Lawn, etc.

Kerchief Linen

Three very interesting special prices on an article which the average store never sells at a cut price—but, then, this is not an average store.

75c grade at 58c
\$1.00 grade at 78c
\$1.25 grade at 98c

OMC STORE NEWS

Hundreds of Remnants of every kind of Piece Goods—Silks, Dress Goods, Flannels, Sheetings, Gingham, Linens, etc., go on sale tomorrow at about half price. Display on center table, north aisle.

Remnant Sale

Lining Specials

'Twould surprise the average person if we told them the amount of business we do at our Lining Counter. Low prices like these are the reason:

25c Mercerized Satine, 18c
25c Span Glass, 18c
30c Mercerized Satine, 22c

A Great Mid-Winter Sale

The goods we offer are all seasonable and desirable. They wouldn't be here in such quantities if October and November had lived up to their traditions—been real Winter months. Sell we must and sell we will. You can easily see and understand by scanning the prices what profits will accrue to you if you take advantage of these startling reductions at this regardless of cost Mid-Winter Sale. It is an unprecedented and extraordinary chance. We advise readers of our advertisements to take particular note of items scheduled.

Any Tailor-Made Suit \$17.50

The above head line tells what is by all odds the most interesting bit of news in the paper today. It means that you have the free and unrestricted choice of our entire stock of Women's Tailor-made suits which sold at \$21.50 to \$37.50 for \$17.50. It means that the suits you admired and perhaps felt you couldn't afford are put within easy reach. These suits are all of this season's make; each and every one the production of the best women's tailors of the country.

\$13 to \$18 Suits at \$7.88

In addition to the wonderful special at \$17.50, we place on sale all the suits which sold at \$13 to \$18 at the phenomenally low price of \$7.88. Their styles are duplicates of the higher-priced ones, but materials not as fine, nor is the trimming, etc., quite as elaborate.

Never Such Coat Values

Never before were such Coat values ever offered in Portland. We've grouped our entire stock of women's Coats in three lots, and use the price-cutter's knife without mercy. You can now buy our—

\$10 to \$12 Coats for \$6.48
\$12.50 to \$15 Coats for \$7.48
\$16 to \$30 Coats for \$12.48



All Skirts Reduced

The prices of what is beyond a doubt the premier collection of Women's Dress and Walking Skirts in this vicinity have ALL been sharply reduced. Prices have tumbled like this:

\$3.50-\$4.50 Skirts \$2.48
\$5 to \$7.50 Skirts \$3.98
\$8 to \$10.00 Skirts \$5.98

Girls' Coats Less

You'll like these coats for themselves as well as on account of their sharply cut prices. Choice of the entire stock at two prices—

\$5 to \$7 Coats at \$3.98
\$8.50 to \$12 Coats at \$7.38

Children's Coats—Can't go into much detail about our coats for children. Let it suffice when we say that you can now buy them at 60 cents on the dollar.

Waists Were Never So Low

Every woman who has room in her wardrobe for an extra waist or two—and what woman ever has too many waists—ought to be here bright and early tomorrow morning. Prices have been ruthlessly dealt with—no mercy has been shown to any of them—all have been reduced. You can now buy

\$3.48-\$4.98 Waists for \$2.63

Choice at this price of all our Silk Waists, Damask Waists, Oxford Waists, Velvet Waists, Canvas Cloth Waists, dozens and dozens of beautiful styles, tucked and trimmed with large pearl buttons.

\$1.98-\$2.98 Waists for \$1.63

Choice at this price of what undoubtedly were the finest waists in this city at their original prices. But original prices cut no figure just now. We want to sell and sell in a hurry. Made of flannels, Oxfords, piques, etc.

Some Big Silk Surprises

This silk stock offers some very unusual and important opportunities for economists. The merits of the goods will challenge the attention of the most careful silk buyer.

75c Black Guaranteed Taffeta, 19 in. 49c
\$1.00 Black Guaranteed Taffeta, 36 in. 79c
\$1.25 Black Guaranteed Taffeta, 36 in. 98c
\$1.50 Black Guaranteed Taffeta, 36 in. \$1.19
\$1.00 Black Lining Satin, 36 in. 73c
30c Black and Colored Satins, 19 in. 39c
85c Black Peau de Soie, 19 in. 58c
\$1.25 Black Peau de Soie, 20 in. 89c
\$1.50 Black Peau de Soie, 24 in. \$1.19
25c Colored China Silks, 20 in. 19c

Fine Black Dress Goods

We wouldn't think of carrying over these Black Goods to next season. Rather lose profits to be rid of them now. If you have a need for a black costume, the new prices will almost compel you to buy.

\$1.25 extra heavy Cheviot, 54 in. 98c
\$1.15 soft clingy Etamine, 50 in. 83c
\$1.25 Canvas Cloth, 50 in. 93c
\$1.50 extra heavy Canvas Cloth, 52 in. \$1.19
\$1.25 Zibeline Cheviot, 52 in. 89c
\$1.00 Canvas Cloth, 44 in. 78c
\$1.00 Broadcloth, 54 in. 69c
90c Pressed Flannel, 54 in. 63c
85c Heavy Cheviot, 52 in. 55c
25c Satin Jacquard, 34 in. 13c
35c Satin Jacquard, 34 in. 24c
60c Cheviot Serge, 36 in. 39c
65c Black Mohair, 36 in. 48c
85c Heavy Storm Serge, 44 in. 63c

Rich Furs at Low Prices

Small Furs are in great demand. The present suit and coat styles make the wearing of a fur neck piece almost an absolute necessity. But you'll want one, anyway. The quality is as good as sold in exclusive fur stores at a much higher price. Buying the overstock of leading New York furrier at 60 cents on the dollar enables us to even do better than we usually could. Handsome Fur Scarfs and Stoles, in all the fashionable furs, at—

\$1.88, \$2.38, \$2.88, \$4.48
\$5.38, \$5.98, \$7.68, \$9.68

A Great Knit Goods Sale

Everything imaginable in Knit Goods is included in this sale. We bought the entire sample lines of two large manufacturers, and in addition to these we've added our entire regular stock at cut prices. All marked at 60 CENTS ON THE DOLLAR. These articles of silk, of wool, of silk and wool and of ice wool.

Bootees, Mittens, Skirts, Fascinators,
Infants' Jackets, Shawls, Hoods,
Leggings, Scarfs

Any Wrapper We Have

Choice at 88c of any Wrapper in the store—none held back to bring more money. Made of heavy fast-colored flannelettes, in a dozen different ways, cut wide and full.

Splendid Bedding Values

Better opportunities than these have never presented themselves. Mid-Winter Sale prices are powerful in their temptings and importance. All sorts of bedding materials are on sale now much below regular prices, although only a few are told of in print.

10-4 size Cotton Sheet Blankets 39c
Value 60c, choice of tan, white or gray.

11-4 size extra heavy Sheet Blankets 69c
Value 98c, choice of tan, white or gray.

11-4 size double weight Sheet Blankets \$1.13
Value \$1.50, choice of tan, white or gray.

What Book Stores are Selling

Tastes of Portland Public Are Rather Above the Average and Expensive Volumes are Quickly Sold

THERE is unusual activity in the book stores and stalls these early December days, for the beautiful Christmas stocks displayed by the various dealers are attracting much attention and sales are many. Not only the booklover, who is a customer from week to week throughout the year, is seen intently examining new volumes and lovingly fingering rare editions, but the customer who, only comes with the holidays to purchase gift books for Christmas is there as well. The business man finds time to drop in a few minutes to price an attractive volume displayed in the window and the club woman is hunting literature on some particular subject. Groups of academy girls hunt over the shelves for something not too difficult in French, young boys haunt the shelves where the latest nature books are kept, and the clerk at the juvenile table has her hands full, showing the many beautiful new fairy books and innumerable Mother Goose editions to an admiring crowd of youngsters. Far greater attention is paid to literature for the young and juveniles nowadays than has ever been the case in past years, and many of the volumes displayed this season will prove attractive to older heads. Animal life and natural history are very popular with the young, boys especially, and the demand for this class of works is great, notwithstanding that critics have prophesied a fall in this line of literary entertainment, claiming that it was overdone last year.

THE main question of the literary hour, however, is the fate of the novel. The great number of new titles noted on the publishers' lists and on the shelves of the shops to prove that the novelists themselves are not alarmed, no matter what the predictions may be. Editions of seasons-old novels reaching into the hundreds do not indicate that the bookseller will be kept busy with history, travel, poetry, art and the drama, while the much-loved American novel lies dusty on the shelf. Yet, one leading bookman gives it as his opinion that the novel must in time yield its popular supremacy to those other two forms of literature in which the imagination handles—poetry and drama. Brander Matthews considers that the drama will be the first serious rival of the novel, from the fact that people are already showing a preference for the dramatic treatment of the stories which the novelists have tried to make popular as books. This naturally has brought forth a storm of protest, and right merrily the war goes on. But whether the drama as reading matter, poetry or fiction is to hold the reins of supremacy, the novelist and his novel are still in the field, and from present prospects a book as though it would take a long time to develop the literary appetite of the reading public to a point where the novel will not be relished.

THE taste of Portland's reading public is fluctuating and capricious at times, but it may be fairly stated that it is above the average. The calls for good, substantial literature and the amount of business done in local bookstores, speaks well for the intellectual standard of a city of this size. Although a magnificent public library is within reach of all, books, good ones and plenty of them, are bought for the home library shelves and table. The greatest sales at present are naturally Christmas and gift editions, but selections among these tend to the artistic rather than the gaudy. The Christmas editions of Browning and many other beautiful, and always popular for gifts. One of the prettiest things out is "Stories of Authors' Lives" which comes in two dainty volumes and is most attractive in binding and illustration. A new edition of "Lorna Doone," with exquisite photographs of the Exmoor district, has revived interest in this old-time favorite, while the new Romeo and Juliet is more artistic than anything heretofore produced. Gill and Ewing are both showing many of these handsome gift books and both are having a great run on them. On their counters may also be seen elaborate bindings of the ever-popular "Three Musketeers," "Under Two Flags," "Lucile," "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," "The Deserted Village" and many other residents in gorgeous new holiday gowns, which bring many shekels to the merchants' pocket and much joy to the recipients of these handsome gifts.

THE purchase of standard works of fiction is mostly confined nowadays to single volumes, although there are some few calls for sets. The unit books which are on the counter this season are being received with marked favor. This unique way of publishing has been tried with success over in England. The "unit system" means that for every 25 pages of printed matter 1 cent is charged. The volumes are bound in three styles—paper, which is given with the units making a book; cloth, for which 30 cents additional is paid; and leather, for which 50 cents more is added. The covers are green in color. The pages are printed on very light paper in large Scotch Roman type. The editions are issued by arrangement with the authorized publishers or with the former owners of the literary rights. Publication takes place on the first of each month, making 12 unabridged books a year. The text will be from standard editions.

THE sale of juvenile books averages about the same in all stores, but the department stores, as a rule, have a heavier sale on novels than the book stores. At both Meier & Frank's and Lipman & Wolfe's there has been a great run on "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," by Fox and J. Hopkinson Smith's new book, "Colonel Carter's Christmas," a proving a splendid seller. "Gordon Keith," by Thomas Nelson Page, and Paul Leicester Ford's last effort—"A Checkered Love Affair," are also taking well. "Cherry," by Booth Tarkington, "The Sherlocks," by George Barr McCutcheon and "Catherine Frensham" fresh from the pen of Beatrice Harraden all seem to be favorites. Stanley Weyman has contributed "The Long Night" this season, which is a delightful story of intrigue, fighting and illal love with Geneva for a setting. Henry Seton Merriman contributes "Barbach of the Guard," a dramatic

story. Lovers of short stories are buying a volume of tenement stories by Jacob Rills, and the admirers of Ople Reed select his latest book, "The Harbinger," a characteristic tale of the South. A daintily bound and most delightful story is "Mamselle Filine," by Eleanor Atkinson. "Kindred of the Wild," seems to have struck a responsive chord in the breast of young and old alike and is having a tremendous sale, and two other books that have a steady sale in this locality are "McLaughlin and Old Oregon" and "The Conquest," from the pen of Eva Emery Dye. These books are of intense local interest and people like to have them in their libraries.

MEIER & FRANK are still having sales on "David Harum" and "Eben Holden." When "The Christian" was played at a local playhouse lately there was a big demand for Hall Caine's book, and in the past two weeks nearly all the copies of "Ben Hur" in town have been purchased. This fact does not support Mr. Matthews' theory that people care for the dramatization and not for the book. Of juveniles there is no end, and they come in every shape and form, size and color. Mother Goose has been produced by every publisher of children's lore and she appears in many guises. Denslow's juveniles include "The House That Jack Built," "Red Riding Hood," "Jack and the Beanstalk," and all such stories gotten up in attractive form with bright pictures. The Hambleton Book is something new, while the Portland Sunday newspapers are responsible for "Buster Brown," "Foxy Grandpa," "Gaston and Alphonse" and "The Katzenjammer Kids." For children a bit older the "New Wizard of Oz," "The Magic Monarch of Mo" and the "Enchanted Island of Yew" are among the many displayed. Of fairy books there is no end, the "Golden Rod Fairy Book" being a particularly pretty one, richly bound and illustrated, and with new stories.

WITH boys Kirk Monroe is a favorite author and he offers them this season, "Under Orders," "Cab and Caboose," and "A Son of Salsum." Hefty's last book is "Through Three Campaigns." Other new books for boys are "The Fur Seal's Tooth," "With Lawton and Roberts," "A Boy of the First Empire," "Historic Americans," "Jim and Joe," "Lucky Ned," "Beautiful Joe's Paradise," "Home Mechanics for Amateurs," "The Magic Forest," "The Boys of Fort Schuyler," "The Spy of Yorktown," "The Errand Boy of Andrew Jackson," "The Lost Gold of the Montezumas" and "Two Boys in War Times." As the list for boys goes on it drifts into the nature books which everyone likes, and into natural history. "Little Savages," by Ernest Thompson Seton, is selling well, but not quite so much as his former books. The Deer Family is not new, but the fact that President Roosevelt was a contributor to its pages makes it ever popular. "The Birds of Oregon and Washington" is a good seller, and was written by Rev. William Rogers Lord, once a resident. Other books that are interesting boys, sportsmen and nature lovers are, "Wasps and Their Ways," "A Journey to Nature," "Mostly Mammals," "Salmon and Trout," "A Boy of the First Empire," "Bass, Pike, Perch and Others," "Flowers and Ferns and Their Haunts," "How to Know the Wild Flowers," and Jack London's "Call of the Wild."

LIPMAN & WOLFE are showing beautiful art editions which the young men find very acceptable as gifts for their best girls. Remington's pictures are shown to great advantage in a beautiful volume entitled "Men of the Army and Navy," while beautiful nautical heads by Christie, Fisher, Gilbert, Gibson and Hutt tempt the eye and the purse.

TO EXAMINE CITY EMPLOYEES

Those in Water and Labor Service to Be Put to Test.

Examinations for all positions in the water service will be held by the Civil Service Commission at its rooms in the City Hall, December 22, from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

The only subject upon which questions will be asked will be general knowledge of the duties. This will be the exception to the standing rule of physical tests, the Commissioners evidently considering that if an employee is able to hold down a position in the water service he must be physically competent. The men who work upon the streets, and do all the other chores for the city, will also be examined. This is the labor service, and the examinations will be held at the City Barn on the same day as the water service tests, December 22.

Physical condition and ability and disposition to perform the duties of the employment will be the subjects of the examination. These will be determined by practical tests, says the official notice. Those who will take the examination will be the common laborers, the teamsters and the watchmen.

HOPES TO MISS RAINY DAYS.

Racing Association Has Prepared a Weather Table for 20 Years.

At the request of President A. R. Diamond, of the Multnomah Fair Association, United States Weather Forecaster Beals has had prepared a schedule of the weather during the months of June, July, August and September for the past 20 years. The schedule will be used at the next meeting of the Multnomah Fair Association, for the purpose of determining the time next Summer when it will be least likely to rain. The schedule shows that the rainfall has been lighter from July 9 until August 29 than at any other time during the Summers in the past 20 years, and the date set for next year's meet will probably be between these dates. The average percentage of rainy days during this period in the past 20 years has been 5 per cent, a very low average for this section. The only day between the dates mentioned that no rain has fallen in the past 20 years has been July 23. A few rain drops bar other days from this distinction.

Charged With Obstructing Justice. CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Charles L. White and William Clegg, both members of the executive board of the Electrical Workers' Union, were arrested early today. They are charged with being parties to the conspiracy to obstruct the course of justice, by preventing the prosecution of John Gallagher, a picket, and Henry Polkus, a politician.

New York Bankers Assign. NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—William Clark & Sons, bankers, today assigned for the benefit of creditors to the Van Norden Trust Company. The firm is composed of James and Hudson Clark, and had a mercantile rating of from \$5,000 to \$125,000.

Best News of Millinery Yet

It's a case now of selling Hats at almost "any old price," so that they sell at once. We might realize a little more money if we deferred price cutting a couple of weeks longer—but we need the room the hats occupy for other goods—and you'll like us all the better for giving you the bargains that much earlier.

Any Street Hat We Have 49c

We've about one hundred of these—former prices ranged from 98c to \$2.48. There's a sufficient variety to suit any taste.

Any Trimmed Hat We Have \$2.19

These Hats at \$2.19 ought to and will make a hit. There are over a hundred—no two alike—none worth less than \$3.50 and from that up to \$10.

Angora Tams 69c Best head covering ever devised for school girls' wear during our wet Winter weather; in plain and fancy effects; also some better ones at 88c that were sold at \$1.25.

Clearing the Waistings

For the benefit of those women who prefer to make their own waists in preference to buying them ready-made, we've two very pleasant surprises.

48c to 79c Waistings for 39c

Choice at this price of Mercerized Oxfords, Canvas Cloths and Damasks, French Flannels and Mohairs, white and colors.

25c to 35c Waistings at 19c

Choice at this price of Napped Piques and Oxfords; white grounds with faintly colored stripes and figures.

10c Flannelettes for 5c

This one item alone should bring a crowd here tomorrow in double quick time. They are 28 inches wide, absolutely fast in color. Blue, red, black and brown garments with stripe and figure patterns.

10c Outings 6c

Several thousand yards of dark colored Outing Flannels, in handsome patterns; extra heavy, thick fleecy nap.

25c Hosiery 19c

Choice tomorrow of entire stock of Women's Lisle, Cotton and Woolen Hosiery which sells regularly at 25c, and is best value in city at that figure, for 19c. All of it bears the trademark of Topsy.

50c Undw'r 39c

Choice of all our Women's 50c Underwear at 39c. Silver gray and eoru color; finely finished with silk crocheting and ribbon; pearl buttons. Also Union Suits at same price.