



Millinery Almost Nothing

Orders from headquarters are very brief and to the point—They are SELL! Well, we will, and as a result, you buy hats here now at next to nothing prices.

Choice of any of our Street Hats... 49c
Choice of any of our Dress Hats... \$2.19

Seventh Street between Morrison & Alder



"We are out of the High-Rent District"

A Silk Dress as a Gift

A dress or skirt length of rich black silk as a gift is sure to be appreciated by any woman. Prices are very easy just now.

85c Black Peau de Soie, 19 inches... 58c
\$1.25 Black Peau de Soie, 20 inches... 89c
\$1.50 Black Peau de Soie, 24 inches... \$1.19

Furs Are Elegant Gifts

You won't go wrong if you give an article of Fur to mother, wife, sister, or the other fellow's sister. Also you won't go wrong if you purchase here—QUALITY AND PRICES ARE RIGHT.

Stoles and Bows of fashionable furs, reliable in quality, as low as \$1.88 and from that up to \$16.48.

Women's Suits: A Sale

Will not go into any lengthy description of the stylishness and good quality of the suits—you know that if they weren't stylish and of excellent quality that they wouldn't be here. We're going to let the marvelous low prices do the talking—you'll be interested.



Free Choice of Women's

WOMEN'S TAILOR-MADE SUITS that sold at \$22.50 to \$38.50, for

\$12.50

Free Choice of WOMEN'S TAILOR-MADE SUITS that sold at \$12.50 to \$18

\$7.88

Child's \$4 Suits, \$2.69

These suits at \$2.69 are best described by that oft time abused word "Bargain." By all means see these before you buy elsewhere. Made of all Cheviots and Casimeres, choice of dark mixture and black or navy blue, double-breasted, Norfolk and Vestee styles; sizes 3 to 16.

Men's Bath Robes, \$3.89

If in doubt what to select for husband, son or brother, solve the problem by buying a handsome Bath Robe. Made of handsome figured wool elderdowns, also some of fancy colored terry cloth, rope giraffe.

Men's Handkerchiefs

Splendid values the every day rule here, but now, why we give even much better values. Hemstitched Linen, 3 for... 10c
Hemstitched Silk, initialed... 19c
Hemstitched Silk, plain, 25, 50, 75c
Silk Mufflers, 50, 70, 85, 98c, \$1.45

Men's Dress Gloves, \$1

Always useful, always acceptable, always appropriate. We know that the lines we sell at \$1.00 cannot be matched elsewhere at the same price. MOCHA AND GLACE DRESS GLOVES, one clasp, in a large variety of shades of tans and browns, real \$1.25 grade, at \$1.00.

Men's \$3 Hats, \$1.85

Why go to an exclusive dealer and pay \$3 for a hat when you can buy one here that's equally stylish and good for \$1.85? Graeco, Alpines, Fedoras and Derbys in all the latest blocks.

Fancy Suspenders

You can buy Suspenders suitable for gifts here at every-day prices. Nothing tacked on to the price because of frills and fol-de-rols. Splendid values at 50c, 75c, \$1. Those at \$1.00 have gold plated buckles and come packed one in a handsome box.

Women's Kid Gloves

We sell Kid Gloves at smaller margin of profit than any other house in the city. We give absolutely the best values at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50, all guaranteed. The Souvenir, \$1.00 The Monaco, \$1.25 The Admiral, \$1.50

Sunset \$3 Shoes as Gifts

Practical—yes, a bit that way—but, honestly, doesn't one appreciate a gift like that as much or more as some funny, airy trifle that's really only made to sell? Sunset Shoes are honest from end to end, from top to bottom; material, style and workmanship all that one can ask for. You can't duplicate their quality anywhere for less than \$3.50. For men, for women; all leather, all styles, all sizes.

READY TO GO AHEAD

Lewis and Clark Commission Holds Meeting.

WILL DO ITS OWN BUILDING

Plan of Corporation is Rejected, and Active Construction Work Will Be Begun Within Few Weeks—Superintendent Appointed.

A very few weeks will see active construction well in progress on the buildings of the Lewis and Clark Exposition. While no definite time was set for the awarding of contracts yet the state commission, at its monthly meeting yesterday, adopted a resolution announcing that the commission is ready to pass upon the plans and specifications preparatory to letting the contracts. The commission also decided that it will directly supervise the construction work and pay out its money rather than delegate the corporation to perform these functions.

There was some difference of opinion upon the propriety of giving the corporation control of the construction of the building work, as suggested in a recent communication. An hour or more was devoted to a discussion of the question and when a vote was taken three of the members voted to turn the responsibilities of building over to the corporation. Five, however, voted that the commission should preserve this power and responsibility, and this settled the issue.

The difference of opinion lay in interpretations of the enactment of the Legislature defining the relations of the commission to the Exposition. It was urged in favor of the corporation's proposition, that should it assume all responsibility for its own work it would be a matter of authority; that according to the Legislature's enactment the commission is required merely to see that the buildings are built and not to actively supervise the work.

On the other hand the contention was made that the Legislature expressly provided that the commission should have these buildings constructed and so conferred a power upon the commission that, being in itself a delegated power, could not be delegated.

Corporation's View of It.

Director General Goode, in explaining before the commission the view of the matter taken by the directors of the corporation, said that it was important that the work should be placed in the hands of the corporation and executed subject to the approval of the commission, all expenditures to be made by the corporation which should later be reimbursed by the commission.

"The greatest care must be taken in the construction of these buildings," said Mr. Goode, "in order to prevent a large repair fund. In the East there have been large repairs in connection with exhibitions, because of improper work and in fact I know of one fair where the repair expense totaled \$60,000. Now I want it understood that we are by no means seeking to usurp any of the functions of the commission. We merely believe it would be to the best advantage that we should assume all the blame and thus remove any division of responsibility. We do not willingly divide this responsibility for its own sake but because we feel that since we are responsible for repairs we should be allowed to erect the buildings."

Commissioner Albert replied with the statement that the powers of the Legislature could not, in his opinion, be conferred upon the corporation. "But we are informed by Attorneys Maloney and Gannons that such action can be taken," interrupted Commissioner Spencer. "And other attorneys tell me differently," replied Commissioner Albert. "It is the difference of opinion between attorneys that brings about law suits. As to any conflicts in the building work those can be settled by the superintendent, so I know of no points at which a vote for the shifting of any responsibilities."

The following resolution was adopted by a vote of five to three: Resolved, That in reply to a communication from the Lewis and Clark Exposition Company, of December 5, 1903, this committee had fully decided this matter prior to the date of this communication, to-wit: On October 10, 1903, in a resolution empowering the building committee of this commission to recommend a general superintendent of all buildings to be erected by the commission, and to advertise for bids for the construction of said buildings in accordance with the plans and specifications accepted by this commission; that the said state commission is ready and has been to immediately consider any plans submitted in accordance with section 4 of the act creating this commission, and that it is ready upon their acceptance to contract immediately for the said buildings, in accordance with the above mentioned resolution, adopted and submitted to the Lewis and Clark Corporation.

A second resolution was adopted as follows: Resolved, That the secretary be instructed to advise the Lewis and Clark Corporation that this commission stands ready to approve the plans for all buildings and further that the committee on grounds and buildings stands ready to proceed at once upon the approval of plans for the construction of same. The buildings in question and their cost are: State's building, \$75,000; Machinery building, \$45,000; Arts' building and Assembly Hall, \$45,000; Forestry building, \$30,000; entrance to Administration building, \$30,000; bridge, \$30,000; agricultural grounds and experiment station, \$65,000; dairy farm building, \$45,000; life shaped tracks, \$30,000; stalls for stock, \$12,000; grand stand on peninsula, \$40,000.

Building Superintendent Appointed. The position of general superintendent of buildings went to Fred A. Erickson, a Salem contractor. He will receive a salary of \$1.25 per day while actively engaged. This amount was considered excessive by Commissioner Harry, who thought that \$5 per day was plenty and that any number of good men could be secured for that amount. Commissioner Albert declared that a competent man would not work for any such amount as \$5 a day, and when a vote was taken the salary was fixed at \$7.50.

When the bids for the material and construction of the State building at St. Louis were called, it was found there was but one solitary bid on hand and that it covered but a portion of the material. The necessity of prompt action in getting the building erected was urged, with the result that the committee on St. Louis buildings was given full power to do what is necessary to prevent further delay. This committee will get together early in the week and decide upon a plan of action.

Crusade Against Straw Bondmen. NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—A crusade against straw bondmen has been inaugu-

rated by the county authorities here, and strong efforts will be made to put an end to their lucrative practices about the city station-houses. As a result, wholesale arrests are expected within a few days. The investigation thus far has led the Assistant District Attorney, who has charge of the matter, to believe that the bondsmen have formed an organization to carry on their dealings to better advantage. One arrest just made discloses that the prisoner went on the bonds of 154 persons at one police station in the course of nine months, and that the property he pledged was owned by a woman with whom he was unacquainted. He was sent to jail under charge of perjury.

REFUSES TO TOAST FLAG.

Contractor, Sore at Unions, Says America Has No Liberty.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—William D. O'Brien, toastmaster at the banquet of contractors and builders at the Auditorium Hotel, has refused to toast the American flag as an emblem of liberty.

"Why the emblem of liberty is a farce," he cried, "when men are shot down in the streets because they are trying to earn a living; when we are afraid to assert our rights for fear some labor organization will oppose us."

"It is ridiculous," he said, "to think you should be obliged to waste your time discussing your rights with walking delegates, business agents and labor leaders. You have your rights, and no man should be able to step in and dictate to you and tell you where your rights begin and end. We want to make this national organization so strong that it will never again be necessary for us to confer day after day with labor leaders to obtain our rights. If a man is not a union member and is loyal to you, you must be loyal to him. We must be able to obtain liberty in every sense of the word and not merely privileges. The conditions are disgraceful which make it necessary for us to consult with our employees every day."

Contractor William Grace, of Chicago, declared he was tired of being told what to do by Gompers and Mitchell and other labor leaders. Mr. Grace declared the running of the United States by cars without police protection during the recent strike had made him think that his rights and the rights of every American citizen was just as sacred as the mail cars. By other speakers all the troubles of the builders were laid at the door of organized labor. The feeling for the "open shop" was strong.

HAWAII WILL FACE SHORTAGE. Receipts Will Only Be One-Half of Appropriations for Expenses.

HONOLULU, Dec. 12.—It is estimated that the monthly income of the territory after December 17 will be only about half of the amount appropriated by the Legislature for salaries and other expenses. Governor Carter and the heads of departments have had numerous conferences on the subject of retrenchment of expenditures, and there will be a general effort to reduce expenses. The counties take nearly all the revenue after their organization of January 4.

Governor Carter has withdrawn the advertisement of sale of the Kohala water ditch franchise, which has been before the territorial government for three years. It involves the expenditure of several millions to conserve mountain water in Kohala. The Governor will again offer the privilege for sale after deciding upon terms.

Professor W. D. Alexander, of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey, has gone to the island of Kauai, to make observations for the Federal Government to fix the correct location of Nihaui, an island near Kauai. Nihaui is understood to be several miles out of the position in which it appears on the marine charts. A shipment of 500 cuttings of Bluefields bananas is on the way here from Costa Rica to the local United States Agricultural Experiment Station. The Bluefields bananas are believed to be superior to those now grown here, and the cuttings will be generally distributed among the growers.

PARTY GOES OVER CLIFF. Groom Will Probably Die, and the Bride is Sadly Injured.

MILES CITY, Mont., Dec. 12.—Word has been received here from Spanish, S. D., telling of an accident which befell a wedding party, and which will probably result fatally to the groom, M. C. Connors, Jr. Connors and his fiancée were on their way to Deadwood, where the ceremony was to have been performed, and were traveling during the night. Apparently Connors became confused in the mountains, and their vehicle was overturned on the edge of a precipice, precipitating Connors, the woman and their horses to the foot of the hill, a distance of about 300 feet. The woman was unconscious for over 48 hours. Connors has been taken to the hospital at Deadwood. A strange series of fatalities has followed the Connors family. Connors' father was killed while abroad, and his mother, with the body, went down with the ill-fated steamship Elbe.

VATICAN MAY CONDEMN BOOK. Latest Work of Abbe Loigny Is Under Discussion.

ROME, Dec. 12.—It has been proposed not only to put the latest book of the Abbe Loigny on the Index Purgatorius, but to have it condemned by the holy office. Archbishop Migon of Lyons, France, who is now in Rome, is favorable to the Abbe Loigny. He considers him the greatest Roman Catholic thinker of France. He believes the Abbe writes in good faith and says he should be heard before he is condemned. The Pope today, in receiving Mgr. Leccomas, Bishop of Larchelle, said: "I appreciate very much your book, 'The Life of Christ.'"

The bishop was surprised at his work being known to the Pope, and the latter added: "I keep it constantly next to my bed, and I read some of it every night. It helps me." The Pontiff concluded smilingly, "with my French."

To Get Big Amount in Back Taxes. MADISON, Wis., Dec. 12.—According to computations made by State Insurance Commissioner Host, Wisconsin may recover from \$150,000 to \$200,000 in back taxes from life insurance companies operating at present and from 40 that have operated here for 39 years. It has always been the custom to allow these companies to deduct from their gross incomes all moneys paid for reinsurance. Under an opinion just rendered by the Attorney-General, the taxes must be computed on the gross incomes of these companies, including the amounts paid for reinsurance.

Lord Abinger. PARIS, Dec. 12.—Lord Abinger died in a hospital here today as the result of injuries sustained in falling down the stairs of a restaurant. He was born in 1871. His mother is a daughter of the late Commander Magruder, U. S. A.

Great Knit Goods Sale

By all odds the best assortment of knitted goods of silk, wool and silk and silk and wool is shown in this store, and the prices less than elsewhere at that. Several great underprice purchases account for the undervalued selling.

Wool Squares, 25c, 35c, 50c up to \$2.25. Ice Wool Squares, 58c, 75c, 98c, \$1.48, \$2.48. Circular Wool Shawls, \$1.13, \$1.48, \$1.88, \$2.25. Skirts of Wool, 73c, 98c, \$1.48.

Infants' Wool Jackets, 19c, 25c, 38c, 48c and up to \$1.50. Infants' Hoods, 20c and up as high as \$2.25.

Plain Leggings, 29c. Drawer Leggings, 45c, 73c. Booties, 13c, 19c, 29c, 38c, 75c.

Woolen Gloves and Mittens

The third large shipment of Golf Gloves arrived a few days ago. Judging from the way the first two lots sold all of Portland's women know that we are selling under price.

Golf Gloves, 25c, 35c, 50c. Mittens, 15, 25, 35, 50, 75, 98c

Women's Bath Robes

Splendid values here just now. We bought them cheap—yours at the same price basis of course.

\$3.88—Of all-wool eiderdown, gray, red, light blue, square sailor collar, satin-edged cuffs, silk frogs.

\$4.38—Of all-wool ripple eiderdown, gray, red, light blue, fancy satin-trimmed sailor collar, silk frogs.

\$5.88—Of all-wool ripple eiderdown, gray, red, light blue, fancy sailor collar, satin and braid-trimmed.

\$6.88—All-wool ripple eiderdown, deep roll collar trimmed with black silk applique, black silk braid and frogs

It's a Great Clothing Sale

The clothing man's story is a short one—very much to the point though: He says

Your free and absolutely unrestricted choice of any man's Suit or Overcoat in the store for

\$9.85

He Tells the Truth!

