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We want to buy all the Monarch Ranges we can get at \$30.00 each—no matter how long they have been used.

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The answer is: "Because a Monarch Range is worth more than \$30.00—no matter how long it has been used."

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TO START ON ITS SEARCH

SLOT-MACHINE COMMITTEE TO MEET THIS WEEK.

An Effort Will Be Made to Extend Scope of Investigation to Include Favoritism Toward Saloons.

The committee which was appointed by the City Council to investigate the connection of the Chief of Police with the alleged deal whereby the slot machines suddenly and recently came to life will probably meet next Wednesday or Thursday, Chairman Albee is endeavoring to find a day which will not interfere with the business of the other members of the committee, and while he has not yet decided on the date, he thinks it will be one of the two days mentioned.

The committee will subpoena a number of witnesses, including the more prominent slot-machine operators and Chief Hunt himself. This testimony will be given under oath and, while it has been largely anticipated, some sensational evidence is promised by men who claim to have it already in their keeping. An effort will be made also to enlarge the scope of the committee's researches, so that it may delve into the reasons why some saloons keep open after 1 o'clock while others are closed. This move has been anticipated by Hunt's friends, and Chairman Albee himself is disposed to confine the committee's work entirely to the slot-machine question.

"THE JAPANESE SITUATION."

Crisis in the Orient to Be Discussed at Sunday Club.

"The Japanese Situation" is the topic that has been arranged for the Sunday Club at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon. Mr. S. Sun, one of the leading Japanese business men of Portland, and Dr. H. W. Schwartz, now a resident of Portland and head of the Japanese mission of this city, for many years a resident of Japan, will give short addresses on the present situation in the Land of the Rising Sun. The Japanese Vice-Consul, T. Akiba, will also be present. These gentlemen, through an intimate acquaintance with the land and nation of the Japanese, will afford an interesting insight into the present crisis. A Japanese double male quartet will furnish music for the occasion. Preceding this part of the programme a 30-minute concert will be given by Driscoll's Orchestra, rendering the following numbers: Overture, "Reynaud" (Thomas); Interlude, "Roumania" (Greenwald); selection, "Cavalleria Rusticana" (Mascagni); march, "Militaire" (Schubert).

Following the singing in the auditorium there will be held at 4:45 six discussion groups, and the afternoon's entertainment will be closed with the fellowship lunch. The programme begins at 3 P. M., and is free to men.

NO CONTRACT IS LET.

Lewiston Real Estate Men Working Boom on Riparia Line.

Notwithstanding the repeated reports from Riparia that the contract for the construction of the Lewiston-Riparia branch of the O. R. & N. has been let, officials of the road positively deny that any such action has been taken. These reports are branded by them as clever schemes on the part of real estate dealers to cause a rush on property around Lewiston. They are looking for an opportunity to sell town lots at a good price, and are using the proposed railroad scheme as a lever to boost prices.

For a week or more past dispatches have come repeatedly from Riparia and other surrounding places stating that the contract for building the Lewiston line had been let to Deeks & Deeks, of Portland. It has also been stated that material for

the road has been unloaded at Riparia and that hay and horses are being purchased through the district.

These reports have been so persistent as to cause some investigation by officials of the proposed road. One of these, when questioned yesterday, said: "There is absolutely no truth in these reports. The contract has not been let, and at present we do not know when it will be. A number of things remain to be accomplished before it can be awarded to any one. While the road has been incorporated and the company is ready to proceed, it has not the authority to do so yet. The matter is not up with the directors, and until their sanction is given, bids cannot even be called for."

"The sum and substance of it all is that a few real estate dealers who have some town lots in the vicinity of Lewiston are trying to work up a real estate boom. They want the people to believe that the road is on its way across the country, and they will have to hurry to get suitable lots along the route. It is a pure scheme to rope in the unsuspecting and palm off a lot of property on them at fancy prices."

The local officials do not deny that the road is to be built, but the time for commencement of work has not been decided upon. Besides the sanction of the board of directors, some settlements with regard to right of way must be made before any active operations can commence.

AND NOW THE LODGES COME.

Wonderful Growth in Popularity of the Planola—Purchased by Members of Lodges, as Well as for Homes and Clubs.

A year ago the sale of a Planola was something of an event. But nowadays, it is no unusual thing to sell five and six in a day, and even more at times. In fact, the greatest difficulty experienced by Elfers Piano House is in getting instruments enough from the factory to supply the demand. But this is the experience of dealers all over the country. The growth of the popularity of Planolas is so great that the resulting demand has taxed the factory, which last year made more than 12,000, to the utmost to anywhere like keep up with the orders.

Lodges are finding the Planola admirably adapted for use in their rites and are rapidly adopting it. The Scottish Rite Masons of this city have been using one for some years; recently Court Webster, No. 4, Foresters of America, and the Orient Lodge of Oddfellows, both of Portland, purchased Planolas; the Masonic Lodge at Prineville also purchased one a few weeks ago, and yesterday a committee from Van Lodge, I. O. O. F., Vancouver, Wash., called at Elfers Piano House and ordered one for their organization. Music is especially cut for ritual work, and the Planola is also available at all times for every kind of social entertainment, for concerts of the highest character, as well as for dancing and singing.

Republican Club Plans Banquet.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Portland Young Men's Republican Club was held at its headquarters last evening. Plans for the approaching campaign, in which the club proposes to take an active part, were discussed. The club now has over 100 members on its rolls, and has always taken an active part in campaigns in behalf of Republican principles.

and candidates since its organization in 1888. The influence of the club will be given in assisting to secure the nomination and election of President Roosevelt and in securing the enactment of a law regulating primary elections whereby the rank and file of political parties may exercise a greater influence in the selection of party candidates for office. At its next meeting arrangements for a popular banquet under the auspices of the club, on the anniversary of Lincoln's birthday, February 12, will be taken up.

A BRILLIANT AFFAIR.

A dinner where Diamond "W" vegetables are served as side dishes and Diamond "W" fruits as a dessert, is certain to be a brilliant as well as an enjoyable occasion. All Diamond "W" groceries are the best obtainable, and all dealers sell them.

SUBSCRIBERS, TAKE NOTICE.

We are selling regular \$2.50 leather seat rockers at \$2.75 during our stock-reducing sale. Ira F. Powers Furniture Company, 190 First Street.

Have you friends coming from the East? If so, send their names to the Denver & Rio Grande office, 124 Third Street, Portland, Or.



What a Pleasing Change

Has taken place in Mr. Hank's appearance since he had his teeth attended to. He was repulsive, and now he is really good looking. This is another remark often heard, and perhaps you have seen just such cases. There is no excuse for a repulsive mouth since we perform all dental work absolutely without pain and with the greatest skill known to the profession.

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TWO STORES—286 Washington Street—309 Morrison Street



SECOND WEEK OF OUR GREAT CLEAN SWEEP SALE.

LIKE AN AVALANCHE THEY COME

Who could resist when the people know so well what my promises mean? BUT THIS WEEK'S OFFERINGS WILL BE GREATER STILL. Tomorrow our entire line of Boys' and Youths' Suits and Pants—which are all marked in plain figures at fully 10 per cent lower than up-town stores. To get you better acquainted with my Boys' Department for this week, your pick in the entire stock at

EXACTLY HALF PRICE

And please bear in mind this offer is from Welch, the Reliable American Clothier. So, wise mothers, we would advise you to bring your boys and come early, fully expecting to fit out two boys for the price of one—and you'll not be disappointed.



A Present of \$5 to \$8

for anyone wanting a suit. It's our simple, straightforward way of advertising, for everyone who comes cannot help telling others about this great sale out of sheer neighborhoodness.

Real \$15 to \$18 Suits for

\$9.99

And all our splendid \$25.00 Suits go for

\$19.75

Same as up-town stores get \$30.00 for.

Good News Will Bear Telling Twice

Still a good assortment of those splendid 75c Shirts for 25c apiece, but we can't promise them long, as people who know what our promises mean need no coaxing to buy late fancy stripe Shirts and cuffs to match, at only

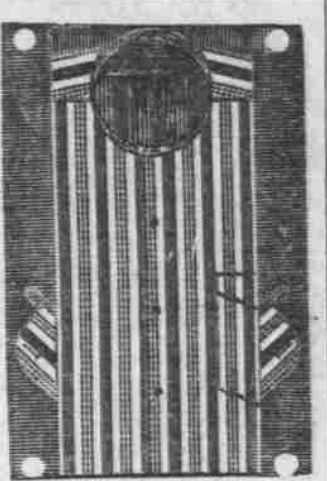
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See the windows.

Ties, Too, at a Great Sacrifice

Not a few slow sellers or some homely patterns you'd not be proud to wear, but so many beauties you'll hardly know which to choose—choice of entire stock in this way.

All 75c Ties 50c
All 50c Ties 35c
All 25c Ties 20c



Quick Moving Prices IN THE PANTS DEPARTMENT

A chance to lay in a supply at cost of materials.

\$1.00 values now \$.85
\$1.50 values now 1.25
\$2.00 values now 1.70
\$3.00 values now 2.55
\$4.00 values now 3.40
\$5.00 values now 4.25

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Men's Underwear

Unmatchable values in men's reliable underwear, the kind that keeps you warm, wear guaranteed and do not shrink. Our prices have heretofore been 25 per cent lower than other stores. We give you a further reduction of

15 PER CENT OFF



\$15.00 OVERCOATS CHOICE

\$11.95



Nothing to equal it in the city today. See the windows. A look around will convince you of the truth of this statement. If you want a dressy coat, something that is marked for style and finish, you should pass all other stores and come to First and Morrison streets, and get the greatest bargain of the year in Overcoats.

Boys' and Youths' Suits EXACTLY HALF PRICE

A merchant said the other day Welch can't buy those suits for the prices he's selling them at. Supposing we can't. It's advertising, isn't it? And we find it the best kind. So come on, boys, plenty yet, and two suits for the price of one, while they last. Your pick of the entire stock. Choice of long or short pants.

\$5.00 Suits for \$2.50 \$3.00 Suits for \$1.50 \$1.50 Suits for .75c
\$1.00 Pants for .50c 50c Pants for .25c 25c Pants for .10c

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Any style that's proper you'll find in the STERLING—And there's none better even at \$5.00. It is the TOP NOTCH IN HAT PERFECTION



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Boys' \$1.50 \$2.00 Shoes
For Only
95 Cents

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A great assortment of broken lines in fine all-wool and wool-mixed. Choice while they last only
75c

Men's fancy silk embroidered fast black tie Hose. Our elegant 35c line, same as asked by other stores 50c, sale price only **25c**
Kid Gloves—Finest dressed kid or mocha finish, special sale price only \$1.15 **90c**
Men's finest pure linen Handkerchiefs, regular 35c, **25c**
Men's working Shirts of heavy, plain black sateen or duck, in stripes or fancy colors, **45c**

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