bers are daily arriving.

# A Man's Lecture to a Man for a Woman to Read

Perhaps in no place else in all the world is so much attention given to the making of money and so little to the making of homes-of real homes-as right here in the United States. The pleasure, the joy, the elevation of home life is lost in the race

Music is bought in the theaters and the cafes, not created as it should be in the homes. The chileren grow up and the wife grows old and the home grows cold with never a melody to lighten the hour

of leisure at the end of the day. Nowhere else in all the world is so much glorious promise of genius burice beneath so much gold and lost for lack of a little fostering care. Nowhere else in all the world are the children's voices so sweet and their promise of fame in music and song so great as here in the United States. And yet they grow up to be stenographers and clerks because their fathers didn't help them to be

"My wife doesn't care for music," the man says, because his wife has missed her opportunity to fearn to play.

There never lived a woman that didn't care for music. What that man should say is: "I've never given my wife a chance to care."

So he promises that the children shall have a piano, when they are old enough. And the years go by and the children have become old enough to learn, but he is too busy to know it. When he looks again, the self-same children are grown-too old to care to learn-too old to learn if they do care. And another generation of promise is "taking dictation"

or safely deposited behind an office desk. The time to buy a plane is NOW. As little as \$5 cash will put one into your home, and there is no man with a home who can't rake up \$5. It is no longer a case of whether he can get one or not, but only of whether he cares to.

Six Co-operative Pisno-Buying Clubs have been formed in this city. These clubs have an aggregate membership of 1600 piano-buyers. That makes 1000 pianes to be put out on the co-operative plan. The object of this plan is to get 1000 people to take planes at practically the same time, and thus to get them at wholesale instead of retail prices. For, f 1000 people buy pianox at practically the same time, it is the same as if one person bought 1000 planes. And you yourself know that the dealer who can buy 1000 planos does not par as much for them as you pay when you buy only one. First, WE

the Exposition.

Entertaining Programme of Music

and Pleasing Talks Are Features

Federation Meeting.

Music, talks on the value of exposi-

tions and child-culture, conversations on foreign emigration and a delightful

social hour made the session of the

yesterday afternoon, in the Selling-Hirsch building.

The principal event on the pro-

Modern Expositions" and after speak

ject, in which he dealt with expositions

Experience at Buffalo.

Talk on Child Culture.

Miss E. K. Matthews, of St. Helen's

Hall, gave a helpful address on "Child Culture," in which she said: "Unlike the three Rs in education we used to

bear about, in child culture there are three Hs-head, hands and heart. We

three Hs-head, hands and heart. We plead for industrial training in ele-

nize the value of parents meeting with the teachers. Call upon the teacher and often invite her to your home cir-

Mrs. Grace Watt Ross, who presided, said she thought Portland residents

should make themselves as agreeable as possible and make their homes and surroundings as aitractive as possible dur-

ing the Exposition. One woman asked Colonel Dosch if foreign emigration had

been detrimental or otherwise to this

mentary grades and advancement schools should not be a matter of per-centages but of growth. Let us recog-

He said in part:

of Social Convention of City .

GUARANTEE YOU A SAVING OF THE RETAIL-ER'S PROFIT.

But, leaving aside the retailer's profit, the saving in freight alone on the enormous shipment of 1000 planes amounts to \$14,000.

But, again, leaving aside the retailer and the freight, and asking us what we gain by it, let us begin by telling you that our output of money alone on 1000 planos amounts to far over \$200,000. The average Portland store sells on an average of 500 pianos a year. We sell these 1000 pianos on the co-operative plan in a few menth. (Already one club is bearly full). Now: THERE ISN'T A MAN IN THIS COMMUNITY WHO DOESN'T KNOW THAT THE FIRM THAT MAKES THE MOST MONEY IS THE FIRM THAT "TURNS ITS MONEY OVER" THE GREATEST NUMBER OF TIMES. If we handle that \$200,000 four times to the other man's one, aren't we making four times as much? If we use it four times, aren't we really getting the interest-not on one, but on over a million dollars? Figure that out at an average rate. It's a young fortune in itself.

Now, ask yourselves if we can afford to give you that saving of retailer's profit and expense? If can afford to give you that saving of \$14,000 in freight? If we can afford to sell wholesale instead of retail on this great co-operative plan? If we can truly guarantee you a saving of from \$75 to \$150 on any piano you buy?

The whole plan is told. If it does not ring true to you, don't come; if it does ring true, don't delay. An opportunity is like an inspiration; the same one never comes twice. We want you to call on us or write to us at once. We want this week to be the biggest piano week Portland has ever known. Every club plano can be had upon the very smallest of deposits with the very smallest of weekly or monthly payments. If you are not quite ready for your piano, you can join any club absolutely free of charge, and we will hold that membership, together with the plane you choose, for two weeks cithout your paying a cent. 'anen, when you are ready for your piano, all that is required is the simple club deposit, with no dues, no red tape and

Do not delay your coming. The store will be open evenings during the co-operative sale, and there will be some pleasing music to interest you while you look about. Remember the name and the number, EILERS PIANO HOUSE, 251 WASHING-

TON STREET, CORNER PARK.

BREWERS AND LIQUOR-DEALERS

But This Statement, Says A. Crofton, Has Been Cunningly Distorted

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 25.—(To the Editor.)—As some of the Prohibitionists, notably a Rev. E. L. Tufts, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, are continuing to distort a statement which I made before a Senate committee in Salem recent-

000 to defeat the last Prohibition election. Senator W. M. Pierce has asserted that I made this statement in Salem. As Mr. Tufts was not present at the time, I have no criticism to make of him, but I am forced to say that it is a cunning and de-

What I did say to the committee, in reouples that were united in marriage sponse to a question, was that the operation of the local-option law in Oregon January 1. George Tucker and Rosa has cost the liquor interests of this state asaregola.

January 3, Fred M. Guy and Maud spent \$160,000. I did not say that we had spent \$160,000 fn the November elections. or in any elections, or at all. To the eager ears of the Prohibitionists there assembled, any mention of money seems to have come as a convincing proof of some iniquity. To a further question I replied that the running expenses of the associa-tion were about \$8000 in the last year.

> its face that it did not seem necessary to refute it; but as Mr. Tufts and his fellow-conspirators apparently propose to attempt to use it as a cheap political cam-paign argument. I take this opportunity of making a first and last statement of

> Prohibition brethren are very ready to make flatulent accusations against us of corruption and trickery, we have not yet stooped to contemptible misrepresenta-

> lic with a cunning law and then lied about A. CROFTON. Manager Brewers' & Wholesale Liquor

ESTACADA, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)— Otto Helfricht, of Portland, has been here the past week looking into conditions for the establishment of a sash and door far Wood Manufacturing Company, The con-

general opinion was that once upon a time all Americans were foreigners and that the latter had materially helped

to develop the country.
The musical programme joyable one. Miss Bessle Louise Finley sang two songs to an accompaniment furnished by Miss Dorothy Nash, and Mrs. George C. Flanders contributed H. E. Dosch on Aftermath or one song, her accompanist being Mrs. Matthew Gevurtz. Mrs. A. T. Webb was chairman of the entertainment ommittee and Mrs. James Frank Davies and Mrs. Arthur C. Newill hospitably served the tea. The reception committee comprised Mrs. J. D. Young, Mrs. D. M. Watson, Mrs. M. M. Sleeth, SESSION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS Mrs. Bert M. Dennison, Mrs. R. P. Graham, Mrs. Matthew Gevurtz, Mrs. Nina Larowe, Mrs. B. S. Pague, Mrs. E. A. Hubbell, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Carl Abendroth, Jr., Mrs. Charles E. Run-yon, Mrs. S. Livesley and Miss Della M. Watson.

> MARRIES FIFTEEN COUPLES. Record Made in Two Months by Dr. F. Burgette Short.

By marrying 15 couples since January 1, Dr. F. Burgette Short, of the Taylor-Street Methodist Caurch, has social convention of the City Federa-tion of Women's Clubs a notable one, for some time. The following are the couples that were united in marriage by Dr. Short in that period:

gramme was an address by Colonel Casaregola. Henry E. Dosch, director of exhibits at January ewis and Clark Exposition, on

January 5, J. B. Bacon and Luella B. at London, Vienna, Philadelphia, Paris, Chicago, Omaha, Buffalo and St. Louis, January &. Fred G. Abel and Flora E. the Colonel took up the question of the approaching Exposition in this city,

January 11, Antone Rollman and Alma Morgan, January 17, William S. Whitman and Myra B. Dowes. January 26, W. B. Taylor and Mary

Parks. February 1, Edward Becker and Lilly

Ada Waite. February 15, J. O. Wing and Marguerite A. Wright.

lie said in part:

Pessimists, of which, fortunately, we have but few in Portland, would have us believe that our city will experience a great collapse after the Exposition is over; fusinese will stagnate; factories will become idle; stores and dwellings empty: real estate decline, and what not. The best answer that I can make is to cite the experience of other Exposition cities and permit you to draw your own conclusions. Omaha, ten years ago, favorably situated as she is, with a large wholesale trade, immense packing-houses, a good raliroad center and extensive territory tributary to it and to be supplied, found herself retrograding. Real estate and rents went down, magnificent stone business blocks and dwelling-houses became empty, while neighboring towns were gaining. Something had to be done, and I am told that the Exposition that was held was the turning point for Omaha. February 18, George Griswold and municipality, and every taxpayer, and supel Atkins.

February 21, W. F. Dodge and Anita

The story was so absurd and false upon Mabel Atkins. February 21, W. F. Dodge and Anita Netson. February 21. A. M. Bullock and Emma Burdock.

Experience at Buffalo.

Buffalo is in many respects similar to Portland. A magnificent city of 400,000 people, with 120 miles of asphalt streets, with the Erie Canal and railroads stretching out in all directions, the city found itself at a standstill, while neighboring cities forged ahead. The Pan-American Exposition was held, and the beautiful Rainbow ('lty' sprang into existence. Today nearly all the previously empty houses are occupied, and real estate has advanced from 20 to 30 per cent.

Speaking to incretants, they told me that from the beainning of the Exposition movement their trade increased steadily, to some instances even doubled. The small manufacturers, who depended largely on local trade, told me their business had doubled. Bankers, always conservative, and real estate men told me that mortgages had been paid on thousands of homes of mechanics, laboring people and small traders, all directly attributable to the Pan-American Exposition.

Buffalo, like Portland, is a city of beautiful and individual homes. The renters are very much in the minority; its inhabitants strive to own their own homes, not only those on the West Side, which compares with our Nob Hill and King's Helghts district, but the East Side, which compares with our Nob Hill and King's Helghts district, but the East Side, where are to be found thousands of little cottages, with small beds of old-fashioned flowers grandmother used to grow, and their well-kept vegetable gardens in the rear of the house. The schoolhouses and homes filled with the happy faces of parents and children, rejoicing in the possession of their own grounds and roofs, over which but a few years ago hung the dark clouds of the mortgage—all changed by reason of a modern Exposition. COMPLAIN OF THE GYPSIES Citizens Ask Police to Cause the Band to Remove.

Wandering gypsies have again swooped down on Portland, and the police have been called upon to drive them away. Alendy citizens have begun to complain of thefts, and trouble is expected as long as the city is infested by them.

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This time the gypsies descended upon a plot of ground at East Ninth and Taylor streets, where they have staked tents and roped out their horses. Their presence was the signal for residents in the vicinity to begin calling up Police Headquarters and asking that the band be driven away. Captain Moore last night dispatched Patrolman Stuart to the scene, but he was unable to do more than debut he was unable to do more than deliver a warning to the gypsies to keep out

Laying Condon Branch Track. ARLINGTON, Or., Feb. 25 .- (Special.) -A track-laying machine with a full crew started work on the Condon crew started work on the Condon branch today. The track has been catarrh and rheumatism, take Hood's Sarcompleted through the city limits.

INJURED BY NEW LAW.

by Prohibitionists.

it seems advisable to make a public

In the letters to the newspapers, which Mr. Tufts writes so frequently, he has stated that the liquor interests spent \$140,liberate misunderstanding upon the part of Senator Pierce.

while the Anti-Saloon League spent \$4000 in the Prohibition elections alone.
Senator Loughary told me after the com-

mittee meeting that he understood per-fectly what I said and what I meant, but January 28, Wilferd Ross and Birdie

There was nothing sensational or untrue in the statement I made; it has been made February 1, Edward Becker and Lilly many times, and freely, and the Prohibi-lakinson.

February 6. Waiter Reed and Miss law so grossly unfair and with so many deceitful qualities as the present local-option law is bound to prove costly, not only to the liquor interests, but to every

And I will say further that, while our

the methods and the motives of those who wished to amend its unfair features.

Sash and Door Factory.

ditions seemed favorable to Mr. Helfricht, owing to the abundance of timber, and it is considered assured that he will start his factory.

## Twenty Years of Success In the treatment of chronic diseases, such as liver, kidney and stomach disorders, constipation, diar-rhoes, dropsical swellings, Bright's disease, etc.

Kidney and Urinary Complaints, painful, difficult, too frequent, milky or bloody urine, unnatural discharges speedily cured. Diseases of the Rectum

Such as p.ies, fistula, fissure, ulceration, mucous and bloody discharges, cured without the knife, pain or confinement.

Diseases of Men potency thoroughly cured. No failure. Cure guaranteed.
Young men troubled with night emissions, dreams, exhausting drains, bashtuiness, aversion to society, which deprive you of your manhood, UAPIT'S YOU for BUBINESS OR MARKIAGE.
MIDDLE-AGED MEN, who from excesses and strains have lost their MANLY POWER.

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BLOOD AND SKIN DISEASES, Syphilis, Conorrhoea, painfui, bloody urine, Gleel, Stricture, Enlarged Prostate, Sexual Debility, Varicoccie, Hydroccie, Kiusey and Liver troubles cured without MERCURY OR OTHER POISONOUS DRUGS. Catarrh and rheumatism CURED.

Dr. Weiker's methods are regular and scientific. He uses no patent nostrums or ready-made preparations, but cures the disease by thorough medical treatment. His New Pamphlet on Pri ate Diseases sent free to all men who describe their trouble. PATIENTS cured at home. Terms reasonable, All letters answered in plain envelops. Consultation free and sacredly confidential. Call on or address.

country. The Colonel discreetly replied that he was unable to answer the query, and in the discussion that followed the DR. WALKER, 181 First Street, Corner Yamhili, Portland, Or.

Cotton Voiles, 27-inch, light and medium colors, with embroidery

Printed Lawns and Dimities, dainty colors, in white or colored

New Spring Wash Goods

in previous seasons. Patterns have never been so exquisite nor designs

so effective as you will see in our new Spring lines. Great number of

the choicest and most exclusive new weaves are here and additional num-

The charming new fabrics are much more beautiful than any shown

dots and figures, priced at 25e, 20e and..... Cotton Crepe de Chine, 27-inch, a beautiful rich material, in plain colors, blue, pink, lavender, white, brown, tan, mode, etc.-a regu-

Cotton Etamines, 31 inches wide, in all the best shades of blue, tan, gray, lavender and brown, priced at ..... Spot Crepe, one of the prettiest new weaves for Spring, comes in a full range of colors, gray, tan, lavender and brown, priced at ... 350

#### New Draperies and Curtains We are showing a splendid variety of Portieres, Lace Curtains, Couch

Covers, Madras Curtains and yard materials. These are new Spring styles, which include many new weaves of drapery fabrics. New Scotch Net Curtains, in white, champagne and Arabian colors, floral

and conventional designs. Priced at, per pair, \$2.75, \$1.95, \$1.25 \$1.50 and .....

New Battenberg and Arabian Curtains, in montif and lace effects. These are the swell kind for dining-room, library and drawing-room, plain in effect but excellent in quality. Priced at, per pair, \$2.95, \$2.50, \$1.90 and.....

We are showing a most complete line of Tapestry Portieres in all the newest weaves and best colors. Priced at, per pair, \$6.50, \$2.25 \$4.50, \$3.75, \$2.75 and..... Couch Covers, in Bagdad, Roman stripes and other designs. Priced at

A complete line of Drapery Fabrics in plain reps, mercerized tapestries, Roman and Bagdad stripes, in several grades. Prices, per yard, 35c, 40c, 50c, 65c, 75c and 95c.

New Spring Dress Goods

of new Spring Dress Goods. Plain and novelty effects in Mohnirs are strong rivals for first place in popularity this Spring, consequently we are showing unusually large stocks of these in

both lines, knowing that each will have its

special admirers.

IN BLACK GOODS our assortment is nearly perfect, and you have a wide range of all the newest weaves, in both plata and fancy, from the world's best makers, to select from.

Colored Goods Section

44-inch English Mohair, extra heavy weights, silk finish, patterns reversible; we recommend these for shirtwaist suitings, extra value. 75e 46-inch Mohair Sicilians, high lustrous finish, consisting of the most complete line of checks, stripes and mixtures, in heavy, medium and light weights; the greatest values ever offered at, per yard \$1.00

56-inch Cravenette Sicilians, each yard stamped and guaranteed, heavy weights, making a most serviceable skirt for street wear, colors may and black mixtures; price, yard. \$1.56

56-inch Mohair Cravenette, Another of Priest-ley's Celebrated Cloths—Finish equal to silk, in the most elaborate check and plaid effects; colors navy, brown and green; price, per yard \$1.75

Black Goods Section

46-inch Black Mohdelaine, has the appearance of a Sicilian but instead of a wiry texture is soft and silky; an ideal Spring and Summer suiting; special \$1.23

Another large import of Priestley's Cloths in Mohair, Anita. Roxana, Crispine, Queen Cloth, Delaine and Granetian, all 46 inches wide, at one price, special. \$1.23

Two Extra Specials for Monday

42-inch Silk and Wool Crepe de Cygne, in all the light Spring shades, special . S2c 38-inch French Volles, in tan, reseda, lavender, eream and black; special . 48c

Men's Spring Shirts

Men's new Spring Golf Shirts, in dark and light colors; the famous Churchill brand; warranted to be the best Shirt in the world, for....\$1.90

New Neckwear

Lewis and Clark Neckties, for Men and Women. In all the latest colors (at the Men's Depurt-ment) 25e

proof; a most desirable material for dress coats, quantity limited, at, per yard..... 81.25

The Shoe Department We are receiving aimost daily shipments of new Shoes. Every one a 1805 creation. Mouey and brains cannot produce better Shoes for style, wear and fit. Every model is thoroughly tested before being placed on the market. We save the consumer from 50c to \$1.00 on every pair purchased at our regular prices. During the balance of this month we give a special reduction on every Shoe in the department.

#### Until March 1

	Shoes for Women	
\$3.00	Shoes for Women	0.00
	Slippers for Women	
	Shoes for Misses	
82.25	Shoes for Misses	4
\$2.25	Shoes for Boys	
82.00	Shoes for Boys	
\$5.00	Shoes for Men	10
	Shoes for Men	
	Infants' Shoes	

#### New R. & G. Corsets

THREE 1905 MODELS ARE-R. & G., No. 681—New tapering waist effect, medium short model, deep hip, with hose supporters front and sides; made of good quality coutille in colors white and drab; sizes 18 to 30; price.

8. & G. No. 250—Low bust effect, made of fine quality coutille nearly trimmed with deep her

quality coutille, neatly trimmed with deep lace and ribbon; special model for medium fig-ures; made with short hips and long front; has no side steels; sizes 15 to 30; price. \$1.50 R. & G. No. 382—This garment produces siender effect in stout figures, especially designed with abdominal reinforcements to hold abdomen firmly; has deep hip, straight front and hose-supporters front and back; made of good quality coutille: colors white, drab and black; price \$3.00

#### New Undermuslins NEW GARMENTS AT SPECIAL PRICES.

Muslin Gowns, made of excellent quality muslin, neatly trimmed with Torchon lace and tucks; usual 75c and 85c quality; our price tomor-Cambric Skirts, lawn flounce, fine quality, well made and trimmed with lace and insertion; these Skirts would be chear at \$1.00—our prior

Muslin Drawers of good quality muslin, trim-med with Torchon lace, made by our special order and exceptional values, at only......25e Chemise, both long and short styles, made of ex-cellent material and nicely trimmed; special 

#### New Ribbons

t-inch wide All-Silk Pluids and Cheeks, a big assortment of colors to pick from; yard. 18e

New Spring Dress Trimmings and Laces

Beautiful assortment to select from; Net Top Laces from 3 to 12 luches wide, from 15e to 85e yard. 18-inch Allover Laces to match, from 60e to \$5.00 yard.

#### New Effects in Spring Silks Every day comes to the Silk Department something new to add fresh-

Givers of Greatest Values Roberts Bros

The New Displays

of Spring Goods

Are here, and our prices are less than the same qualities

cost elsewhere. None undersell us.

There's not a single article quoted that would not bear a higher price if we chose to

name it. We want you to investigate. See what the other stores offer you. Note what

we offer and see if the facts do not bear out our assertions. We mean to confine our-

selves strictly to the truth, preferring to say less rather than more than facts deserve.

ness to a great assortment of stylish silks. Our reputation for good qualities and our low prices furnish some of the substantial reasons for the women's inclination to buy their silks at Roberts Bros. 50 pieces of 27-inch Japanese Wash Silks, all colors, yard ...... 50¢ The best Colored Taffeta ever shown, 40 of the best and newest

Fancy Silks, in a wide range of newest designs and colors, for waists, and for street and evening gowns, at, yard, \$1.00, 85e, 65e 50c Black Taffeta Silks, in all the different widths, ranging in price from 50¢ up to, yard......\$1.90 

#### Latest Styles for Spring in Ready-to-Wear Garments

A splendid showing of the new Spring styles is ready for inspection. The new things include Shirtwaist Suits, Tailor-Made Suits, Tan Covert Jackets and Walking Skirts.

50 pieces new Japanese Habutai Wash Silks, 39c quality, for ..... 25¢

#### SHIRTWAIST SUITS

Chiffon Taffeta Silk Shirtwaist Suits, waist and skirt plaited. They come in solid colors and dainty figured styles at...... \$15.00 Chiffon Taffeta Silk Shirtwaist Suits, fine hairline stripes and checks, trimmed with narrow plaids, skirts plaited, at...... \$17.50

TAILOR-MADE SUITS.

Fine Cheviot Suits, 24-inch fitted jackets, braid-trimmed, collarless, full flaring 11-gore skirt; brown, blue and black, at. \$16.50 Pine Panama Suits, strictly man-tailored, blouse effect jacket, braidtrimmed, collarless, latest model 13-gore skirt; brown, 

#### TAN COVERT JACKETS.

Fine Covert Jackets, fitted or loose back, perfect in workmanship, latest and ...... \$5.00 models, heavy serge or silk-lined, at \$12.50, \$10.00, \$7.50

#### WALKING SKIRTS.

The new Walking Skirts are here in great many different styles. We are showing an unusually large line of skirts in Panama, mohairs plain and fancy, plain cheviot, serge and covert cloths-\$7.50, \$2.50 \$6.50, \$5.50, \$4.50, \$3.50.....

#### New Embroideries

Several thousand yards of the most exquis-ite designs ever shown here. Corset Cover Em-broidery, Allover Embroidery, several designs. In Edgings, from 2 to 7 inches wide— Corset Cover Embroidery, 17 inches wide, yd. 25e Embroidery Edgings, 2 to 6 inches wide, yd. 15c

### A Special Lot of Neckwear on Sale Monday

Here is some Neckwear within the reach of

Top Cotlars, made of heavy linen; embroidered in Maderia designs, buttonhole edged; spe-

## Women's Underwear

### Women's Spring Hosiery Women's new Spring Hose, in plain black lists, black with split foot and a large variety of new fancy effects; regular 35c and 50c values.

Women's new Spring Fancy Hose, all the new 

#### Monday's Specials at the Bargain Square

Sateen Petticoats \$1.00

### Gingham Petticoats 85c

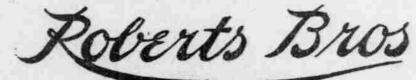
### Percale Wrappers \$1.25

Women's best quality Percale Wrappers in a large assortment of pretty new styles, in the most desirable colors; these are cut extra full and handsomely trimmed with ruffles and washable braids; best values in city at. \$1.25

#### Men's Underwear

Men's Spring weight gray Merino Underwear, all sizes; Sults and Drawers; special.......65e

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