

EVERY ARTICLE IN THE HOUSE FALLS UNDER THE BAN OF THE CLEARANCE--PRICES CUT--HALVED--QUARTERED

The Same Original Tickets on Every Article

Gevertz

The Sale Prices Are All Plainly Written

Grand Annual Clearance Sale

IN THE Metropolitan Jewelry Store

8-inch Cut Glass Bowls, fine clean cut, Apollo pattern; a special \$7.50 value; the now clearance price **\$3.65**
 \$10.00 Ormolu Clocks, warranted perfect timekeepers; one to a customer at each **\$4.75**
 33 1-3 clearance reduction on all our highest grade Silver Table Ware, including the celebrated 1847 Rogers Bros., Holmes & Edwards and Wm. A. Rogers.

TAGS DON'T MAKE VALUES

They are attractive to the mind's eye of a child, but they don't lend color to the quality or sincerity to the value of a piece of Furniture. The worst hindrance to this world's progress is lack of reason. It's a simple thing—the selling of merchandise cheap; it's a terrible snag—the inspiring reason for such selling. Our reason is now consigned to necessity. We must effect a clearance of these massive stocks and the time is short. We must sell the goods; we care not what the price. Come Monday to this wonderful store of greater values. Select what you will; pay us half and in many instances even a quarter the regular

Out-of-Town Patrons, Mail Us Your Orders Early

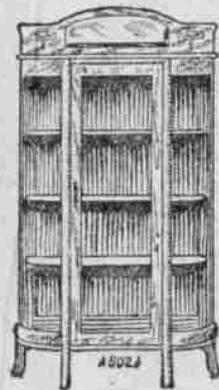
CLEARANCE IN THE Basement Sections

Save Half and Over on the Every-Day Needs.
 \$2.50 Parlor Stand Lamps **\$1.15**
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 (All in neat and handsome decorations.)
 Kitchen Lamp with No. 1 Burner **15c**
 (Regular 25c value.)
 Best \$1.50 Tea Kettles **85c**
 \$1.50 Jardinières **85c**
 35c Crockery Cuspidors **15c**
 A hundred other striking basement specials.



SPEND HALF THE MONEY YOU INTENDED FOR EVEN GREATER VALUES

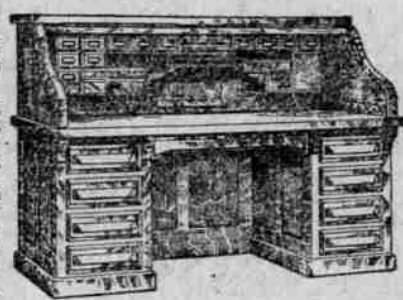
SAVE ON THE DININGROOM FITTINGS, 1/2 AND OVER



No. 604—Regular \$30.00 China Cabinet; clearance **\$16.50**
 No. 601—Golden Oak China Closet, regular \$50.00; clearance **\$29.50**
 No. 5024—Weathered Oak China Closet, regular \$22.50; clearance **\$10.50**
 No. 805—Regular \$75.00 China Closet; clearance **\$39.50**
 No. 826—Regular \$85.00 China Cabinet; clearance **\$45.00**
 No. 608—Regular \$90.00 Sideboard; clearance **\$59.00**
 No. 12—8-foot Extension Dining Table, regular \$70.00; clearance **\$35.00**
 Buffets, Sideboards, Tables, Chairs, etc.—All at clearance of one-half and greater.

Office Desks Must Go---Seventy-Five Separate Styles at About Half

No. 562—Desk with Typewriter attachments, regular \$100.00; clearance **\$55.00**
 No. 604—Regular \$125.00 Desks; clearance **\$65.00**
 No. 51—50-inch Desk, regular \$85.00; clearance **\$42.50**
 No. 207—Regular \$60.00 Desk; clearance **\$31.00**
 No. 60—Regular \$42.50 Desk; clearance **\$22.50**
 Flat-top Desks with extra drawers **UNDER HALF**
 Regular \$30.00 Desks; clearance **\$14.50**
 Regular \$15.50 Desks; clearance **\$7.50**
 MEN—Buy Desks Now and Save Over ONE-HALF.



PARLOR GOODS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION MUST NOW GO

No. 570—Regular \$60 Goldleaf Chair; clearance **\$29.50**
 No. 63—Regular \$17.50 Mahogany Pedestal; clearance **\$9.00**
 No. 167—Regular \$75.00 Settee; clearance **\$25.00**
 No. 1651B—3-piece Mahogany Parlor Set, regular \$150; clearance **\$65.00**
 No. 284—Regular \$18.00 Mahogany Hall Chair; clearance **\$8.75**
 No. 1041—Regular \$42.50 Mahogany Parlor Chair; clearance **\$20.00**
 No. 1786—Mahogany Conversation Divan, regular \$27.50; clearance **\$13.50**
 No. 47—Parlor Divan, regular \$42.50; clearance **\$20.00**
 500 equally remarkable Parlor Clearance Specials.



Read of These Marvelous Values—Taken From Here and There About the Store

No. 41—Regular \$15.00 Cellarette; clearance **\$6.50**
 Regular \$5.00 Hall Chairs **\$2.95**
 No. 808—Ladies' \$12.00 Desk; clearance **\$6.50**
 No. 22—Regular \$2.75 Mahogany Tabourette; clearance **\$1.25**
 No. 412—Regular \$40.00 Dressing Table; clearance **\$21.00**
 No. 216—Regular \$45.00 Corner Wardrobe; clearance **\$22.50**
 Regular \$1.50 Oak Tabourette; clearance **50c**
 No. 22—Regular \$2.75 Mahogany Tabourette; clearance **\$1.25**

Nothing Reserved, Every Article in the House Tremendously Reduced

Carpets, Draperies, Curtains, Matting, Etc., Now at a Saving of Valuable Worth

Rich Imported Oriental Carpets, Drapes, Curtains, etc., for the luxury and beautifying of every home. The poor man's salary is now a millionaire's income. It is a question of money to you—of clearance to us. Buy while the prices are lowest—even to the half and the under half. Even to absolute and immense loss of money to this house. Whatever you may need, now or in the future, buy now. Save one-half and greatly more than half on every purchase.

Oregon's Largest and Best Furniture House

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FIRST ON YAMHILL SECOND

A Store Full of Sale Surprises

DISCUSS ROSE SHOW

Festival Association Committees Meet Tuesday.

PLAN A NEW CAMPAIGN

Chamber of Commerce Will Invite All Large Commercial Organizations of United States to Participate in the Celebration.

Restoration of normal conditions in the financial world has led the officials of the Portland Rose Festival Association to resume active work to arouse renewed public interest in the great celebration that is to be held in Portland the first week of next June. During the weeks the financial stringency was depressing the Pacific Northwest the festival promoters were busy working out details of plans for making the festival the most pretentious ever held in this part of the country, but little was said about it for the reason that the public was directly concerned in the outcome of the stress in local and Eastern money centers. But now that the financial skies have cleared, the men behind the festival propose to go ahead with redoubled energy, and in line with this determination, a meeting of the ways and means, and the publicity and exploitation committees will be held at festival headquarters in the Sweetland building, Tuesday evening, for the purpose of arousing widespread interest in the festival. Perhaps the most significant move in the way of making the celebration a National event is the expressed intention of the Portland Chamber of Commerce to invite every commercial organization in America to attend the festival. The invitation, while it will

be formal in tone, will give full details as to the wide scope of the celebration, and the commercial bodies of several hundred cities will be urged to send delegates here to be guests of the festival organization. Most Lavish on Record. Statistics that have been prepared at festival headquarters during the past months show that there is not a city in America that has ever in the past prepared such a lavish programme of amusement, entertainment and instruction as the Portland Rose Festival is arranging to give the city's guests during the six days, June 2 to 7, and statements will soon be forthcoming to indicate that for this very reason Portland people should help to make the festival the most magnificent series of spectacles ever attempted on the Pacific Slope. The Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting, election of officers and banquet at the Hotel Portland next Wednesday evening, and at this time one or more of the speakers will outline the plans for the rose show and urge general co-operation with the association. Invitations to bring several National conventions here for the first week of June have already been sent out, so that the transcontinental railroads may be induced to offer special low rates from the East for tourists at that time. T. C. Haley, president of the Oregon State Bar Association, has invited the state bar associations of every state in the United States to come here during the festival, and the invitation has also been extended to the American Bar Association. If the association is able to offer sufficient inducements to bring other National, Northwestern or Coast conventions here, reduced rates will be assured on all lines running into Portland. Admen Are Interested. R. M. Hall, president of the Pacific Coast Admen's League, in an interview, last night, declared that the Northwestern delegates to the coming convention to be held in Oakland, Cal., will work to a man in the interests of the Portland Rose Festival. This aggregation of "live wires" will hold its annual Summer session in Portland, Festival week, and exploitation literature will be distributed at Oakland when the admen meet. In order to reach the newspapers of the state, the Festival Association will send lay delegates to the session of the Oregon State Editorial Association, which meets here January 17 and 18, and the editors and publishers of Oregon will be urged

to assist in the broad advertising campaign that will be necessary if the affair is to be the big success hoped for. Confederate veterans of the Northwest, representing all Coast and Inter-Mountain states, have already voted through their executive committee, in a meeting held at Roseman, Mont., last week, to meet here while the Festival is on, and an endeavor will be made to have these veterans of the South entertained by the Grand Army organizations of this section while they are in the city. L. C. Garrigus, of this city, who is on the staff of General Fuzz, commander of the Northwestern Department of the Confederate Veterans, has agreed to take charge of all arrangements for the entertainment of the convention. ANCIENT CASE IS DECIDED Ferry Will Case, Hanging Fire Since 1867, Is Disposed Of. GRAND HAVEN, Mich., Jan. 4.—The Ferry will case, which has been in litigation since the death in 1867 of William Montague Ferry, one of the first missionaries to the Indians in the Mackinac Island district, has been decided by the Probate Court of Ottawa County. Edward P. Ferry, of Salt Lake City, as executor, is ordered to pay to the Michigan Trust Company, of Grand Rapids, on behalf of the other heirs, mostly residents of Ottawa County, \$95,333, or three-fourths of the original estate. The court finds that Edward P. Ferry's accounts were not true, that the executor had not accounted for money and property that he had misappropriated large sums, that he had become mentally incompetent and had mismanaged the estate. One of the principal heirs was the late Thomas W. Ferry, ex-United States Senator, who presided as president pro tem in the Senate during the famed Hayes-Tilden recount. MUSIC LESSONS FREE. Take advantage of Ellers special offer—\$400 high-grade pianos for \$294, and \$275 styles for \$248—and a four-months' course of instruction free. As the close of sale draws near the buying quickens. These instruments are going fast, only twenty left now. Investigate at once. Ellers Piano House, Washington, corner of Park. Metzger, jeweler, optician, 212 Wash.

EARLY DECISION EXPECTED

SNEIDER LAND-GRANT SUIT IS NEAR ISSUE.

Federal Court Probably Will Rule on Exceptions to Bill of Complaint Tomorrow.

It is expected that an important decision will be rendered tomorrow by Judge Wolverton, in the Federal Court, in the case of John L. Snelder, who seeks, as an actual settler, to secure possession of land included in the grant of May 4, 1870, made by Congress to the Oregon & California Railway. The decision will be on the bill of exceptions filed by the counsel of the railroad to the plaintiff's bill of complaint, by which he seeks to compel the company to sell the land for \$2.50 an acre, as provided in the grants under which the present title for the possession of the railroad lands in Oregon is being made. This is the first case in the land fight to come to an issue in the court. The decision will be an important step in the procedure, as the railroad must file either an answer or a demurrer if the exceptions are overruled. It is expected that an answer will be filed, which would indicate that the case may come to actual trial within the next three months. Mr. Snelder, who is represented by A. W. Lafferty, as counsel, was the first to begin proceedings to force the Oregon & California to sell land in the Congressional grant for \$2.50 an acre. His suit was filed September 15, and was followed in the same manner by seven others. The suits are not alone against the Oregon & California, but also include as defendants the Union Trust Company, of New York, and S. T. Gage, of San Francisco, each of whom is interested in the land grants. The Snelder case is regarded as a test of the settlers' rights, and each step will be anxiously watched by hundreds of citizens throughout the state, who hope to enforce the conditions under which the land grants were made. The suits of Snelder and other settlers are entirely independent of the investigation of the land grants that the Government is making, and of the suit against the railroad, which the Federal

authorities are expected to file. Work of the Government toward this end is now in the hands of Judge Percy Becker, of Buffalo, who was recently appointed counsel by the Attorney-General. Through Special Agent Townsend, who spent several months in Oregon, the Attorney-General is in close touch with the conditions of land-grant litigation. It is understood that Judge Becker is soon to come to this state, and it is believed that the Government will then file suit to recover the land included in the grants or to compel the railroad to sell to actual settlers for \$2.50 an acre. The case of the Government would not necessarily be affected by the decision in the suits filed by actual settlers. The Oregon & California is really being attacked from two sources, and victory of either would have the effect of compelling the sale of the land for \$2.50 an acre or, at least, restoring it to the Government and ultimately to entry and settlement. \$400 PIANOS, NOW \$264 High-grade instruments, made by one of America's most reliable manufacturers. The remainder of eight carloads, only twenty instruments now left, and the closing bargain of one of the most meritorious special offerings we have made in many months. Free four-months' course of music lessons included. Two dollars a week will pay the cost. Do not delay. Ellers Piano House, Park and Washington streets. More Transcontinental Trains. Three transcontinental trains over the Canadian Pacific Railway daily over the main line and an additional train into Spokane from St. Paul over the Soo and Canadian Pacific lines will be put on late in May or early in June and will continue until next winter. The roadbed is now being put in first-class shape to carry the traffic. The Spokane train will handle through cars from Portland to the Twin Cities, via Spokane on a fast schedule. It is expected that cars out of Portland will be handled by the Canadian line by March 1. Hurt in Runaway. EUGENE, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—J. W. Hobbs, Deputy Internal Revenue Inspector, was painfully, though not seriously hurt by his team running away while on his way hunting yesterday evening. He was thrown from his rig and a bad gash in the top of his head and several ribs bruised and wrenched.

BORROW WHOLE THEATER

STAGEHANDS IN SEATTLE GIVE EARLY MATINEE.

Hold Up the Owner for Price of Admission and Spend Proceeds in Big Banquet.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—It happened New Year's eve, but the story has just leaked out and the joke is on Alex Pantagos, proprietor of the Pantagos theaters, and numerous other playhouses in the Northwest. Filled with enthusiasm and other things, a dozen or more stage hands, actors and musicians, working in the Pantagos theaters, conceived the idea early in the morning of January 1, of giving a matinee. They opened the playhouse, turned on the lights, and after placing a man at the door and one in the ticket office, the rest lined up in the guise of patrons. In a few minutes a hundred or more roligators were in line and a few minutes later a very barnstormy show was being produced to a house worth more than \$100. Pantagos was notified by telephone. He came in an automobile and had to

pay his way in and seeing the size of the house rushed for the box office, but he was too late. He was angry at first, but now regards the affair a huge joke. The receipts were spent in a banquet for the promoters of the scheme. DIVORCE ON THE DECLINE Cupid More Successful With His Work in Lewis County. CENTRALIA, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Divorce in Lewis County is on the decline if the records of the County Court can be depended upon. During the year 1906, 45 couples applied for a dissolution of the marriage ties. Of this number 37 decrees were granted, six cases are still before the court, never having been completed, and two cases were dismissed. During the year 1907 there were 42 divorce cases filed. Twenty-five decrees were granted, 14 are still unfinished, and three cases were dismissed. Although the number of divorce cases filed in 1906 was greater than the number filed in 1907, there were 19 more marriage licenses issued in the latter year than in the former. In 1906 there were 230 licenses issued and during the year just closed licenses were granted to 250 couples. The proportion of marriages to divorces in 1906 was a trifle more than one in five. In 1907 was a little more than one in six. Attend Rosenthal's great clearance sale for fine shoe bargains.

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