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PHONE MAIN 2119 TWELVE YEARS IN PORTLAND

FOUR WEEKS LEFT

Initiative Petitions Must Be Filed by January 31.

PRIMARIES ON APRIL 17

Secretary of State Compiles Information for Benefit of Office-Seekers and Those Who Will Cast the Ballots.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Chief Clerk S. A. Koser, of the office of the Secretary of State, and I. H. Van Winkle, Assistant Attorney-General, have computed the various dates that must be observed in filing initiative petitions, nominating petitions, pamphlets, etc., for the general and primary elections this Spring. As initiative petitions must be filed by January 31, it is evident that there must be some active work in the next four weeks on the part of those who have initiative measures in charge. The primary election will be held April 17, and the general election June 1.

The information compiled for the instruction of the public is in condensed form, as follows:

"Proceedings under initiative—Initiative petitions must have 7465 signatures; initiative petitions must be filed by January 31; arguments advocating measures must be filed by February 2; persons filing arguments must file a copy of paper and printing; arguments opposing measures must be filed by February 24; persons filing such arguments must file a copy of paper and printing; initiative measures must be printed by the Secretary of State by March 2; copies of measures and arguments must be mailed to voters by April 7; Secretary of State must make up the form of ballot by May 4.

"Primary election—Candidates for state and district offices, to be voted for in more than one county, and for Circuit Judges and District Attorneys, must file with the Secretary of State, at the time of beginning to circulate petitions, a copy of the petition for nomination, signed by himself, as evidence that said elector is a candidate for nomination by his party. The vote cast by a political party in each voting precinct for Representative in Congress at the last preceding general election on the basis on which the percentage for petitions shall be counted, and need not exceed 1000 signers.

"Petitions for nomination for office to be voted for in the state at large must be signed by at least 2 per cent of the party electors in each of at least one-tenth of the precincts in at least one-fourth of the counties of such district, and need not exceed 300 signers.

"Petitions for nomination to be voted for in districts comprising more than one county must be signed by at least 2 per cent of the electors residing in each of at least one-eighth of the precincts in each of at least two counties in the district, and need not exceed 300 signers.

"Petitions for nomination for offices to be filled by the state at large, or by any district of more than one county, and nominating petitions for Judges of Circuit Courts and for District Attorneys in districts consisting of a single county shall be filed in the office of Secretary of State not less than 20 days before the date of the primary nominating election, March 27, 1908.

"Petitions for nominations for offices to be voted for in only one county, or district, shall be filed with the County Clerk not less than 15 days before the date of the primary election, Wednesday, April 1.

Primary election will be held Friday, April 17.

The form of primary ballot must be certified to by the Secretary of State by March 20.

Canvases of votes for nominations for state and district offices must be made by May 2.

The vote cast for Representative in Con-

gress at the general election of June 4, 1906, First District, Democratic party, was 12,340; Republican party, 23,120.

The vote cast for Representative in Congress, Second District, Democratic party, was 12,151; Republican party, 23,315.

A NEW YEAR'S GIFT FROM OREGON. We are mailing you the Portland Oregonian of January 1, 1908, its illustrations, statistics and general descriptive matter are a history of this city and state during a year of unprecedented prosperity, and we want you to understand that there is going to be no let-up here, no matter if you and some of your acquaintances feel that there is a spirit of hesitation in the country at large.

It will perhaps surprise you to know that the coldest day this Winter in Portland has been 32 degrees above zero; the death rate was smaller here last year than in any other large city on the continent; Portland was the first American city to return to a cash basis after the late financial flurry.

Command us in any further information, and please acknowledge receipt. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, we are, Very sincerely yours,
PORTLAND COMMERCIAL CLUB.

HONORS DANIEL WEBSTER
American Patriotic Club Will Hold Banquet on His Birthday.

The American Patriotic Club will honor the life and memory of the great statesman, Daniel Webster, by giving its seventh annual dinner on his birthday, January 18, 1908, at the Hotel Portland. Few men who made the early history of the United States were so prominent as Mr. Webster. His wonderful ability as a speaker and his great force of character made him easily the most notable man of that day.

The past meetings of the American Patriotic Club have been most interesting. Captain Douglas Letzie, equal of any other and those desiring to attend should let Mr. Hazen, the secretary, or any member of the committee, know before January 15 in order that Manager Bowers can make the necessary arrangements for the banquet.

Vancouver Barracks Notes.
VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Captain James Raylies, now at San Diego, on sick leave, has been promoted to temporary duty. Colonel Woodbury, stationed at Fort Lawton, now in command of the Department of the Columbia, arrived yesterday and spent the day at department headquarters.

Major Charles B. Wheeler and Charles C. Jamison, of the Ordnance Department, have been detailed as a board of officers to meet and conduct investigations pertaining to the construction of ordnance material.

Captain Douglas Letzie is detailed to fill a vacancy in the subsistence department and ordered to Chicago, as assistant to the purchasing commissary there.

First Lieutenant Theodore H. Koch, and Second Lieutenants John Philbrick and F. Porter have been ordered examined as to their fitness for promotion.

TEST FOOD PURITY

Laboratory Will Be Installed in City Hall.

MONEY IS NOW AVAILABLE

Funds Also Provided for Salaries of Chemist, Bacteriologist and Meat Inspector to Care for Public Health.

Portland will have its own laboratory, a chemist, bacteriologist and meat inspector. At the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Health, to be held tomorrow morning, this matter will be the chief subject of discussion. It is practically certain the laboratory will be installed in the City Hall. A general sentiment favors that location. City Health Officer Pohl is one of those in favor of it.

The necessary appropriation, for the equipment of the laboratory and the salaries of the three new officers has been made by the adoption of the report of the ways and means committee of the Council. It is therefore certain that within a reasonable time, the city will have what is regarded by all authorities to be very important for the regulating of the public health.

Much interest centers in the three new positions, created by this act, all of which pay well. It is likely that the chemist and bacteriologist will receive \$1500 each a month and the salary of the meat inspector will be about \$1500 a year. While these places are not the most lucrative within the gift of the city, they are all desirable and the usual competition will probably follow when they are to be filled. Civil service examinations must be held for these positions.

Dr. Pohl and Meat Inspector Evans led in the fight for an appropriation for the installation of a laboratory and the necessary salaries of the necessary attaches to operate it, and were successful last week before the ways and means committee, which was making up its budget for recommendation to the Council. All of the Councilmen on the committee spoke in favor of the laboratory, and voted for the necessary appropriation.

A proposition has been made by Dr. Victoria L. Hampton to give the use of her private laboratory and her services, in part, for \$150 a month, and the health board is pledged to investigate this plan to see if it is feasible. It is regarded as certain that it cannot well be done, because Dr. Hampton said she would not allow the laboratory equipment to be taken to the City Hall.

"It is necessary for the best public service to have the laboratory installed in the City Hall," said Dr. Pohl, in speaking of the project, "it ought to be so situated that any one can get there and submit samples of food and promptly secure a perfectly satisfactory analysis. For this purpose, it will be seen that it would not well do to have a laboratory located in a private residence. By all means, I should say, locate the laboratory in the City Hall."

Mrs. Evans is elated over the victory that has been won for purer foods in Portland, and also favors placing the laboratory in the City Hall. She regards this as one of the greatest steps of municipal advancement the city has taken for a long time. She and several other officials have declared repeatedly that the city must have its own laboratory, chemist, bacteriologist and meat inspector, and is delighted with the new project. She believes that with the assistance to be given her when the laboratory is in operation, she will be able to keep the markets and public food establishments in much better sanitary condition.

One Year for Stealing Horse.
HILLSBORO, Or., Jan. 4.—(Special).—Judge McBride convened today's Court here yesterday, and today sentenced Marshal Robinson, a negro, to one year in the penitentiary. Robinson pleaded guilty to stealing a horse from Owen Murray, a Cedar Mill rancher, last Fall. Robinson stole the horse the same evening that the house of Mrs. C. Seiffen was entered, the second time, the latter part of August, ostensibly for the purpose of robbery.

If Baby is Cutting Teeth
Be sure and use that old well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup for children's teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, colic and diarrhoea.



STORY OF EXTRAORDINARY PRICE-CUTTING

By a combination of remarkable circumstances there comes the greatest crash in prices ever heard of in Portland. The recent financial crisis came upon us unexpectedly and found us with thousands of dollars worth of goods in the store and on the road. The year's end finds us, like every other big store, with hundreds of odds and ends left over. A clearance sale is customary at this time of year to dispose of these odds and ends—but this year we know that no clearance sale, or ordinary reduction, will move the amount of goods which we must sell.

ALL OUR STOCK goes into this sale, excepting a few articles on which the factory controls the price. We cannot afford to take pages of advertising space to tell about the bargains—space is costly, and there is no profit for us in this sale.

COME AT ONCE—You cannot afford to overlook this opportunity.

CASH IS WANTED

But special short-time credit may be arranged for by parties where references are satisfactory.

Long-Time Payment Accounts
Will be accepted as usual, but only at regular prices. However, our regular prices are lower than you can find elsewhere.

SPRING MATTRESSES

- \$2.25 Wire Springs \$1.35
 - \$3.00 Yum-Yum Springs \$1.95
 - \$3.00 Supported Springs \$1.95
 - \$4.75 Edwards' Special Springs \$3.95
 - \$6.00 Steel Frame Springs \$3.95
 - \$8.00 Steel Frame Springs \$5.00
 - \$10.00 Steel Frame Springs \$6.00
 - \$2.50 Excelsior Mattresses \$1.50
 - \$3.00 Wool-Top Mattresses \$2.00
 - \$3.50 Cotton-Top Mattresses \$2.50
 - \$4.50 Wool Combination Mattresses \$3.00
 - \$6.00 Cotton Combination Mattresses \$4.00
 - \$8.00 Cotton Mattresses \$5.00
 - \$10.00 Cotton Mattresses \$6.50
 - \$12.00 Hair Mattresses \$8.75
 - \$15.00 Floss Mattresses \$11.00
- Our Mattresses are made in our own Shop.

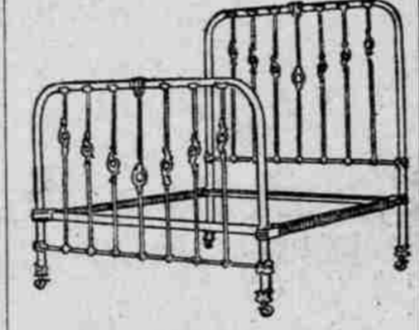


EXTRA DISCOUNTS ON ENTIRE LINE

- Price-List on Close-Out Patterns
- 50c Cotton Ingrains, yards 29c
 - 75c Half-wool Ingrains, yards 49c
 - 1.00 All-wool Ingrains, yards 67c
 - 1.00 Brussels, yards 67c
 - 1.50 Brussels \$1.19
 - 1.50 Velvet \$1.25
 - 1.60 Axminster \$1.25
 - 1.90 Body Brussels 1.25

PRICES EXTRAORDINARY

- 75c Wood Chairs 50c
- \$2.00 Kitchen Tables \$1.25
- \$4.00 Household Treasure \$2.50
- \$5.00 Kitchen Safes \$3.25
- \$6.50 White Couches \$4.75
- \$7.00 Sanitary Couches \$4.75
- \$8.00 Kitchen Safes \$5.25
- \$10.00 Kitchen Safes \$6.50
- \$12.50 Hardwood Wardrobes \$8.75
- \$16.50 Cook Stoves \$12.25
- \$20.00 Extension Tables \$13.00
- \$25.00 Buffets, oak \$18.50
- \$30.00 Dining Tables \$21.50
- \$35.00 China Closets \$24.00
- \$40.00 Dressers \$25.50
- \$50.00 Parlor Cabinets \$32.00



CHALLENGE SALE OF BRASS BEDS

- No. 430—Polished brass bed, 1 1/2 inch post, similar to the picture, reduced from \$27.50 to \$25.00
- No. 1010—Similar to the above, only square corners, reduced from \$38.00 to \$34.00
- No. 536—Satin-finished brass bed with 1 1/2 inch post, reduced from \$38.00 to \$34.00
- No. 592—Polished brass bed, 2-inch posts, reduced from \$35.00 to \$32.50
- No. 596—Polished brass bed, 2-inch posts, reduced from \$37.75 to \$35.75



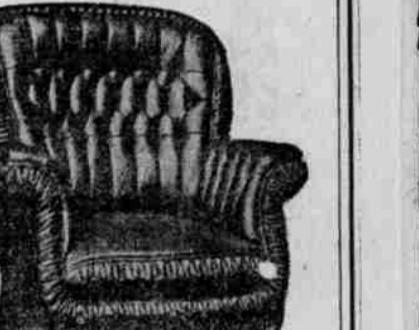
CLOSING OUT OFFICE DESKS

- No. 0343—Solid oak polished flat-top desk, 20x28, 2 sets of drawers, regular price \$25.00, now \$17.50
- No. 0315—Flat-top desk, quarter-sawn oak, size 22x35, regular price \$24.00, now \$19.00
- No. 243—Polished oak, roll-top desk, 27x35, two tiers of drawers and one large center drawer, reduced from \$29.75 to \$29.75
- No. 501—Quartered, polished patented roll-top, a high-grade desk fitted with pigeon holes, paneled sides and back, \$55.00 value, for \$39.90
- No. 714—Oak roll-top, typewriter desk, quarter-sawn writing bed, double pedestal, regular \$45.00 value for \$34.50



CHALLENGE SALE OF CENTER TABLES

- \$1.25 Tables, 16x16 95c
 - \$1.50 Tables, 18x18 \$1.10
 - \$2.00 Tables, 21x21 \$1.50
 - \$3.50 Tables, 24x24 \$2.40
 - \$5.00 Tables, 24x24 \$3.50
 - \$7.50 Tables, 26x26 \$4.75
 - \$10.00 Tables, 26x26 \$6.50
- Lamp Stands and Tabourettes at half price.



CHALLENGE SALE OF LEATHER CHAIRS AND ROCKERS

- No. 247—Leather seat and back, oak frame, reduced from \$24.00 to \$18.00
- No. 508—Leather rocker, polished oak frame, reduced from \$27.50 to \$18.75
- No. 400—Leather chair, imitation mahogany frame, handomely carved, reduced from \$22.00 to \$24.00
- No. 155—Overstuffed leather chair, Turkish chair, reduced from \$18.00 to \$13.00



REDUCED DRESSERS

- \$11.00 Fir Dressers, 18x20 mirror \$7.90
- \$12 Fir Dressers, French mirror \$8.90
- \$14 Ash Dressers, 20x24 mirror \$10.00
- \$16 Maple Dressers, 17x30 mirror \$12.00
- \$25 quartered oak Dressers, 18x36 mirror \$18.50
- \$17.50 Pacific Oak Dressers, 17x30 mirror \$13.50



CHALLENGE PRICES ON SECRETARIES

- No. 310—Imitation mahogany, French plate mirror 19x12, 88 inches high, 36 inches wide, adjustable shelves, reduced from \$29.00 to \$19.25
- No. 000—golden oak Secretary, French bevel mirror 16x10, case 24 inches wide, 86 inches high, \$25.00 value, for \$18.80
- No. 573—golden oak Secretary, well glass door, 19x10 bevel French mirror, 34 inches wide and 66 inches high, \$27.50 value, for \$19.25
- No. 0191—Combination Secretary, 2 large French mirrors, swell floor bookcase, a very fine article, \$30.00 value, for \$22.00



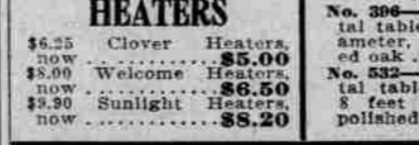
Rayo Lamp \$1.50

This is a nickel lamp with white shade and round Rochester burner.



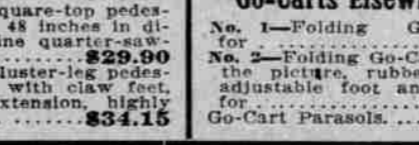
MISSION DESKS AT CUT PRICES

- No. 3050—Mission Desk, weathered, with leather top, reduced from \$21.50 to only \$15.00
- No. 907—Desk and Chair, reduced from \$31.00 to only \$18.00
- No. 909—Desk and Chair, instead to match two pieces, reduced from \$35.00 to only \$23.00



LOW-PRICED HEATERS

- \$8.25 Clover Heaters, now \$5.00
- \$9.00 Welcome Heaters, now \$6.50
- \$9.90 Sunlight Heaters, now \$8.20



PRICES THAT CANNOT BE EQUALED

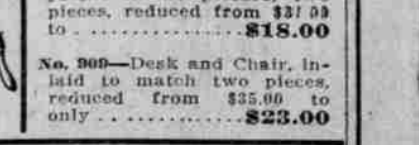
- No. 172—Round-top pedestal table, like the picture, 6 feet long \$15.50
- No. 4133—6-foot mission, round extension table, 44-inch top, price \$15.00
- No. 306—Square-top pedestal table, 48 inches in diameter, fine quarter-sawn oak \$29.90
- No. 532—Cluster-leg pedestal table with claw feet, 8 feet extension, highly polished \$34.15



Oil Heaters

Small Perfection Heaters, now only \$2.00

Large size Perfection Oil Heaters, reduced to \$4.00



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